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## Efforts to break peace talks deadlock

# Kuwaiti envoy meets Velayati

GENEVA, Sept. 7. (Agencies): Kuwaiti permanent representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Salem Jaber Al Ahmad, met today with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati in an effort to break a deadlock in Gulf war peace negotiations.

They also discussed bilateral issues.

The meeting took place at the Iranian ambassador's official residence, and Iran's Ambassador to Geneva Sirrus Nasser also took part.

The Kuwaiti ambassador has already met Iraq's Foreign Minister, Tariq Aziz.



Perez de Cuellar

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said today UN-mediated peace talks were deadlocked, with no sign of movement by either side.

"I would be lying if I were to tell you it's okay, there'll be a breakthrough tomorrow. (But) they're deadlocked, and we're trying to unlock them," Perez de Cuellar said.

The UN chief said he was in constant touch with his personal representative at the talks, Swedish envoy Jan Eliasson, and said he remained optimistic despite the problems.

Perez de Cuellar was speaking after a meeting at the Elysee Palace with French President Francois Mitterrand. France has

assumed the presidency of the UN Security Council for the month of September.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, meanwhile, said today any peace settlement with Iran should include a new treaty to replace the one he tore up days before the two countries went to war eight years ago.

"The 1975 Algiers agreement is practically non-existent and logic says any accord must include a new agreement," Saddam told a joint news conference he held with visiting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Saddam has previously said Iraq signed the Algiers Treaty under duress. Iran insists the accord, which delineates their border, is still valid.

### Shunned

The Iranian and Iraqi delegations sent to Geneva to negotiate an end to the eight-year war have shunned each other since the second day of the two-week-old talks and their foreign ministers have not met Eliasson since Saturday night, leaving such discussions to lower-level representatives.

Despite the lack of movement, neither Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz nor Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati wanted to leave Geneva for fear of losing points in a propaganda battle, according to the

diplomats.

While Eliasson, has pledged to keep working for incremental progress, the two Gulf enemies continued to trade accusations and threats in the war of words.

Eliasson said he would try to forge agreement initially on small issues in order to inspire compromise later on more sensitive topics.

"We are trying to achieve movement," he said on arriving for today's talks at the UN's European headquarters.

### Immobile

Perez de Cuellar said both sides were "immobile" on one of the main obstacles to the UN peace plan, the Shatt Al Arab, a disputed waterway that forms a border between the two nations and provides Iraq's only access to the Gulf.

"I am trying to see if I can find a compromise formula," he said. Meanwhile, the commander of UN observers acknowledged problems monitoring the Gulf war ceasefire but said Iran and Iraq were co-operating well. Iran's national news agency IRNA reported today.

Major-General Slavko Jovic, Yugoslav commander of the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIMOG), told a Tehran news conference his group was fully mobile, had defined the ceasefire line, and was strengthening its positions.



## Musavi withdraws resignation

NICOSIA, Sept. 7. (Agencies): Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hossein Musavi has withdrawn his resignation after direct intervention from the nation's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini to stop political infighting.

Iran's national news agency IRNA reported today that Musavi, who has served as prime minister since 1981, withdrew his resignation in a letter to Khomeini last night.

Khomeini earlier delivered a blunt rebuke to Musavi, telling him it was no time for hickering and he could not quit office.

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Larjani denied today there was a crisis in the Iranian government but acknowledged that internal strains could lead to a new lineup in Tehran.

### Confidence

Larjani, asked at a news conference in Paris about Prime Minister Mir Hossein Musavi's recent offer to resign, said the prime minister retained the government's confidence but his cabinet appointments had encountered opposition.

"He has the vote of confidence for himself but he has spotted some trouble in getting the vote of confidence for a good number of his ministers. Then he resigned," Larjani said.

"I wouldn't call it a crisis because this is a democracy and the prime minister should get the vote of confidence for each one of the members of the cabinet as well as himself."

"It is not a crisis but maybe it is a change," said Larjani, adding that he believed a compromise would be found.

Iran, in economic shambles from eight years of war with Iraq, is trying to plan its reconstruction now that Gulf war peace talks are underway in Geneva. But there is a split between those who would like to turn more towards the West for help and Islamic radicals opposed to such a move.

## Mubarak holds talks with Saddam

BAGHDAD, Sept. 7. (Reuters): Iraq announced a pardon for all Egyptian detainees today to mark a visit by President Hosni Mubarak.

The Egyptian leader, making his third visit this year, discussed relations and Arab developments with President Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi News Agency INA reported.

Arab diplomats in Cairo said earlier their agenda would include the Iran-Iraq peace talks in Geneva and probably also the fate of several thousand Egyptians believed held in Iran. They are among volunteers who fought with Iraqi forces.

Egyptian Planning Minister Kamal Ganzouri, Transport Minister Soliman Metwalli and Mubarak's Secretary for Military Affairs, Air Commander Mustafa Shafiq, took part in the talks.

The diplomats said the visit was a show of support for Hussein during the peace talks, which have made little or no progress. Egypt and Jordan were Iraq's staunchest allies in the eight-year war.

INA said Saddam amnestied all Egyptians sentenced for all kinds of crimes on the occasion of Mubarak's visit.

## Uprising leaders urge solidarity with Arafat

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 7. (Agencies): Underground leaders of a nine-month old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip have begun urging mass support for PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

A new communique to residents, the 25th from the "united leadership of the uprising," was the first that Palestinians could recall which identified Arafat, leader of the PLO, by name.

The leaflet was issued in Jerusalem yesterday as troops conducted a 24-hour house-to-house search through the Arab town of Kalkiya, a flashpoint of West Bank unrest. Soldiers arrested more than 190 Palestinian residents. A senior Army officer said a curfew would remain indefinitely.

The new communique urged solidarity with Arafat and his efforts to win support for the Palestinians from Europe, whose representatives he is due to address at the European Parliament in Strasbourg this month.

### Rebuked

It praised UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar for a statement after meeting Arafat that spoke of the people of Palestine in the land of Palestine. Israeli officials rebuked Perez de Cuellar over the statement.

The leaflet urged support for UN control of the occupied territories until Israel withdraws and talks begin on a permanent solution. The leaders also offered conciliatory but critical comments about their Islamic religious rivals, Hamas.

A senior PLO leader Salah Khalaf has urged the movement

to take "an urgent, realistic political decision" about proclaiming an independent Palestinian state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, a Kuwaiti newspaper said today.

Khalaf said in an interview that an independent state would "safeguard historical rights in Palestine through utilizing international legitimacy."

### Defining

He indicated that a decision on defining a Palestinian state could involve the PLO accepting UN Security Council Resolution 181, which envisages the creation of two states, one Arab and the other Jewish, in what was known as Palestine.

"This raises a question whether we have to remove Israel or accept it," he said. "The answer necessitates a political decision."

"A political decision should be taken. We have to answer the question, do we want a Palestinian state or not? It's high time to take such a decision," he stressed.

"We have no option but to take a key step that responds to the dictates of the Palestinian uprising and its continuation, Jordan's legal and administrative dissociation with the West Bank and the international detente which envisages solutions to regional problems," Khalaf said.

"In these circumstances, we're in need of an initiative that enables our people to prove themselves and perpetuate their struggle."

He conceded there were "minor differences" among Palestinian groups over taking such a step.



Arafat

He said that King Hussein's July 31 decision to sever legal and administrative links with the West Bank was "a courageous step which meets the interests of the Palestinian people."

The communique issued by the uprising's underground leadership called for a general strike "in the territories tomorrow, and proclaimed Sept 15 a day "to clean up internal front collaborators," Palestinian sources said.

### Strike

A rival leaflet from Hamas ordered a strike for Friday, when the uprising enters its tenth month.

Both organisations demanded a protest strike on the Sept 17 anniversary of the 1982 massacre of Palestinians at the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps in Lebanon, the sources said.

## Non-Aligned Movement conference opens

NICOSIA, Sept. 7. (AP): The conference of foreign ministers of the Non-Aligned Movement elected Cypriot Foreign Minister George Iacovou as its chairman today, bolstering prospects Cyprus might next head the 101-member group.

The election of the chairman by consensus is currently deadlocked with two declared candidates, Nicaragua and Indonesia, vying for the honour.

Kuwait has also been mentioned as a likely venue for the summit. The country hosting the summit becomes the chairman of the movement.

Choosing the country to take over the chairmanship in 1989 for four years is one of the thorniest tasks of the conference, which will last until Saturday.

Iacovou's unanimous election by acclamation was the first business after the formal inauguration of the conference in the wake of two days of preparatory work by committees.

### Candidacy

Conference spokesman Nicos Agathocleous, a senior Cypriot Foreign Office official, told his daily briefing that unofficial consultations over the election of a chairman were continuing among delegates. But unfortunately there have been no developments, he added.

By tradition the chairmanship should go to a Latin American country. But the candidacy of

Nicaragua, which is supported by the Latin group of members, is opposed by conservative members who consider Nicaragua too leftist and pro-Soviet.

Conference sources, who did not wish to be named, said the lobbying for the post is expected to continue until the closing session of the conference on Saturday.

The names of Ecuador and Peru have been mentioned as likely candidates if the Latin American group insists on the choice of one of its members. But Yugoslavia and Jordan are also being mentioned, with Cyprus emerging as a strong compromise possibility, the sources said.

Cyprus President George Vassiliou opened the conference formally earlier in the day with a call to restructure the group "to meet new challenges" and help the world's starving millions.

In a wide-ranging, 45-minute address to the 800 delegates in Nicosia's heavily guarded conference centre, he said that the meeting "is being held at a time of dramatic changes in the international scene... in an atmosphere of optimism as a result of several positive political developments."

Kuwait's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saud Mohammed Al Osaimi is leading his country's delegation to the meeting.

## Zia's plane crashed due to 'mechanical problems'

NEW YORK, Sept. 7. (UPI): US officials now believe that the plane crash that killed Pakistan's President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq last month was caused by a mechanical problem, NBC news reported last night.

Without attribution, NBC reported the investigation into the Aug 17 crash is not over, but it learned that US officials now believe the crash was caused by a mechanical problem and not by a sabotage as initially suspected by Pakistani officials.

NBC said the US officials said that the plane exploded on impact, not in the air as would have happened in a bomb or missile blast.

Zia, a general who played a pivotal role in backing anti-Soviet rebels in neighbouring Afghanistan, died in the crash in Pakistan along with 29 others, including US Ambassador Arnold Raphel.

## Diplomats expelled

KINSHASA, Sept. 7. (Reuters): Zaire has expelled two North Korean diplomats for "activities incompatible with their diplomatic status," a Foreign Ministry official said today.

## School will reopen as scheduled

## ISP sponsor asserts his right

By Fathima Ahmed and Ashraf Shah

THE sponsor of the International School of Pakistan (ISP), Abdullah Rashid Al Hufei, has said that he is ready to meet Pakistan Embassy officials to sort out differences, provided the meeting is held outside the embassy premises.

Al Hufei also said that he will take charge of all financial and administrative matters of ISP when the school reopens on Saturday.

The Undersecretary for Private Education Yacoub Al Sharrah, meanwhile, said in a separate interview that regulations of private education require all sponsors to play an active role in financial and

administrative matters of a private community school. The ISP sponsor has been urged to become actively involved in the school's affairs, he said.

Al Sharrah said the "minor problems" at the ISP have been worked out with its sponsor and the school will reopen, as scheduled, on Sept 10.

### Controversy

Asked if an enquiry committee will be formed to study the controversy at ISP, Al Sharrah said: "ISP is facing minor difficulties and an enquiry committee is not required to study the issues, as we have already resolved them with the sponsor."

Al Hufei said he needs the help and co-operation of the Pakistan embassy on academic

matters, but he will not tolerate their interference in administrative and financial matters.

Al Sharrah said Al Hufei is now on the ISP's board of governors.

"The Department of Private Education, encourages sponsor's involvement, in every private school's administration and financial policy, and the ISP is no exception. It is our normal policy, dictated by the law" Al Sharrah said.

This was confirmed by Al Hufei, who said he believes it is the sponsor's "sole responsibility" to look after finance and administration.

Al Hufei emphasised his role: "I am answerable to the Kuwaiti authorities in the event of any

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## WEATHER

NORMAL summer weather with light to moderate southeasterly wind, with scattered clouds.  
State of sea: slight to moderate  
High water: 9.00 am, 11.30 pm  
Low water: 5.30 pm  
Sunrise: 5.28 am  
Sunset: 6.02 pm  
Maximum temperatures recorded:  
Kuwait: 45°C (113°F)  
Ahmed: 40°C (104°F)  
Fallah: 40°C (104°F)  
Maximum temperatures expected:  
Kuwait: 45°C (113°F)  
Ahmed: 38°C (100°F)  
Fallah: 38°C (100°F)  
Maximum humidity recorded:  
Kuwait: 5 per cent  
Ahmed: 48 per cent  
Fallah: 50 per cent  
Maximum humidity expected:  
Kuwait: 30 per cent  
Ahmed: 50 per cent  
Fallah: 55 per cent

## Threat of famine in Bangladesh looms large

DHAKA, Sept. 7. (Agencies): A massive international relief effort is required to avert famine in Bangladesh, where devastating floods have disrupted the distribution of supplies, sources said, and receding waters swept away at least eight villages, officials said today.

The level of Bangladesh's two major rivers, the Brahmaputra and the Ganges, diminished but the situation deteriorated in the eastern basin with the rise of the River Meghna, officials said.

The government, facing an uphill battle to feed millions of people marooned by the torrential rains, sought international relief aid, which has not reached the impoverished nation because Dhaka airport is closed.

An international team of experts was expected to reach Dhaka today to investigate if the runway, now mostly free of flood water, is usable for heavy planes.

Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, India and other countries said they are ready to fly in relief supplies but the planes have been unable to land at Zia International Airport.

Hundreds of thousands of people huddled in camps across

the country faced an epidemic of diarrhoea. Officials urgently requested that drinking water be made available to the marooned millions.

Receding waters washed away four bridges on the Dhaka-Barsal national highway and eight villages in Netrokona district in the northeast.

Police said two boats capsized with 80 aboard who were being evacuated from flooded areas at Shohagpur, 70 miles (110 km) northwest of Dhaka. At least 37 people were feared drowned.

### Disorder

The Kushiara River rose sharply from waters in the upper catchment in India, and flooding hit the eastern town of Habiganj, which had been free from the current floods.

Sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a famine threat loomed because of the massive disorder in Bangladesh's economy and transportation system, rather than a food shortage.

The danger of famine "is on everybody's minds," said one source.

"If the supplies are not replenished, if the purchasing power of people is not restored, there is every apprehension that famine

can break out," said another. "It would be an artificial famine, not a natural famine."

A "massive relief operation" on an international scale is required to avert large-scale starvation, he said.

Government officials publicly said it was too early to predict the effects of the worst floods in the nation's history, which now cover more than three-fourths of the nation and effect half the population of 110 million, including more than 28 million people rendered homeless.

Unofficial estimates said more than 1,200 people have died in the floods, while the government placed the toll at 650.

Electricity has been severely disrupted, more than \$1 billion in damage done to irrigation systems and flood control projects destroyed.

Up to two million tons of the unharvested summer rice crop will be lost, according to the government.

But sources said there is a real danger the floods may prevent the planting of winter crops — due right now — which provides employment to millions of people.

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## Pakistan downs Afghan warplane

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 7. (AP): A Pakistan jet fighter shot down an intruding Afghan warplane today, a Defence Ministry spokesman said.

Several Afghan aircraft intruded into Pakistani territory but were spotted by a two-plane Pakistan Air Force patrol, said the spokesman, who cannot be named according to government rules.

He declined to identify the make of the plane, but other sources said the warplane was possibly a MIG-23.

There was no word on the pilot's fate.

The spokesman said the plane was shot down at Nawagai, 120 miles (192 kilometres) northwest of Islamabad and 12 miles (19 kilometres) inside the Pakistani border.

It was the fourth Afghan-Soviet aircraft lost over Pakistan territory since the Afghan war

began in 1978.

The Defence Ministry spokesman said that when the Pakistani aircraft chased the Afghan warplanes, they immediately turned back toward their country. Some dropped their extra fuel tanks and bombs, which fell over two villages close to Nawagai and injured four people, he said.

Today was Pakistan Air Force Day, which commemorates this country's 1965 war with India. It apparently was one of the reasons that Pakistani aircraft were particularly vigilant.

A Pakistan F-16 shot down a Soviet SU-25 on Aug 4 near the Afghan border. The Soviet pilot, Col Alexander Vladimirovich Rudskoi, was captured, but was handed over to the Soviet embassy in Islamabad on Aug 17.

Earlier today, Defence Minister Mahmood Haroon said Pakistan was trying to acquire the

latest airborne warning system to counter the intruding Afghan planes, saying the government "does not take these Afghan incursions lightly."

In a separate incident, Afghan aircraft bombed three Pakistani villages today, a police spokesman said. The aircraft dropped 10 bombs, injuring three people. The bombs hit the villages of Shago Khas, Girokhawar and Dauda Pahar, 140 miles (224 kilometres) northwest of Islamabad and 20 miles (32 kilometres) inside Pakistani territory.

### Raid

The United States condemned a bomb attack by Afghanistan on Dogai village in Northwestern Pakistan in which two people were killed and 10 injured.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said the raid by eight Soviet-made bombers was conducted on Monday.



INTERNATIONAL

# Reagan assails Democrats' defence policy

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, Sept 7 (AP): President Reagan accused the Democratic presidential ticket of harbouring "a Disneyland defence policy" that would strip the United States of its military strength and threaten advances in arms control.

Reagan yesterday used some of his harshest rhetoric in weeks to attack opponents of Vice-President George Bush, the Republican Party's nominee in the upcoming presidential election. Reagan made his comments in a speech to a national convention of the American Legion, which is a group of veterans.

Reagan over mentioned Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis by name, but he made clear he thinks the Massachusetts governor embodies the "liberal ideology of decline and retreat" and leads a party that has shown "remarkable passivity" and "unbelievable indecision" in defence matters while it controlled the White House.

The President attempted to paint Dukakis as being inexperienced in world and military affairs, while hoping to woo into Bush's corner those conservative Democrats who twice had voted for Reagan's own "peace through strength" stand.

Reagan charged the Democrats with promoting a "hit list" of cancellations and delays for projects such as the MX missile, the B-1 bomber, the Trident submarine missile and the Stealth bomber.

Dukakis, however, has said he supports the advanced D-5 Trident missile and continued development of the Stealth bomber, so-called because of its ability to escape radar detection.

**Rebuilding**

The President also accused the Democrats of planning to start "a unilateral US moratorium on underground nuclear testing and a ban on flight testing of missiles."

Reagan said: "Yes, it comes down to this: After eight hard years of rebuilding America's strength, do we really want to return to a Disneyland defence policy — with Mickey Mouse treatment of our men and women in uniform, Goofy strategic plans and Donald Duck-like lectures telling us that whatever goes wrong is our own blankety-blank fault?" Reagan asked.

Disneyland amusement parks showcase the cartoon characters Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Goofy.

Reagan contended that even the Soviets might prefer his own approach to that of any Democrat.

## Spacemen bestowed with Soviet honours

# Stranded cosmonauts return safely to earth

MOSCOW, Sept 7, (AP): Two cosmonauts landed safely on earth early today after guidance system malfunctions twice forced them to abort their descent, trapping them in orbit as air supplies dwindled, Soviet news reports said.

Twenty-six tense hours after separating from the space station Mir, Abdul Ahad Mohmand, the first Afghan in space, and Soviet cosmonaut Vladimir Lyakhov touched down in Soviet central Asia, the official Soviet news agency said.

Officials gathered in the centre applauded after an announcer pronounced the landing a success, Soviet media reports said.

Tass said the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the nation's top executive body, quickly awarded Lyakhov the Order of the October Revolution and Mohmand the title hero of the Soviet Union and the Order of Lenin, three of the highest honours bestowed by the Soviet government. Lyakhov now holds all three awards.

About 50 minutes before landing, the guidance system's computer automatically started an engine that braked the capsule, bringing it safely through the atmosphere, Tass said.

**Impatience**

"Both cosmonauts feel fine after the landing," Tass said.

Radio Moscow said physicians found the men "in good health."

Soviet citizens awoke this morning to a television announcer saying: "We'll begin this newscast with a report we've all been waiting for with great impatience." He then read the Tass despatch on the landing.

**Honours**

In a tape from mission control near Moscow, Soviet television showed a red star flashing on a map where it said the Soyuz TM-5 capsule parachuted to the ground at 4:30 am Moscow time (0150 GMT) 100 miles (160 kilometres) southeast of the town of Dzhezkazgan in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

According to Radio Moscow, the capsule touched down in the prearranged landing area exactly 24 hours later than originally scheduled.

**Assistance**

Soviet news reports had heightened the suspense, saying life support systems aboard the capsule would last just two days, which would have put the 29-year-old Afghan Air Force pilot and 47-year-old Soviet military officer in jeopardy tomorrow morning.

"If they cannot make the burn tonight (Wednesday), to push them back into the atmosphere, they will probably only live another 24 to 48 hours before the carbon dioxide building in the capsule will kill them," James Oberg, a US expert on the Soviet space programme, told the Associated Press.

United States officials said they had volunteered help but the Soviets declined, saying no assistance was needed.



Commander Vladimir Lyakhov (right) and research cosmonaut Abdul Ahad Mohmand (left) seen smiling after they had safely returned to earth. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Corrupt officials kept him in power for six more years

# Brezhnev 'clinically dead' in 1976

MOSCOW, Sept 7, (Reuters): Kremlin leader Leonid Brezhnev suffered clinical death in January 1976 but was revived and ruled a virtual daze for six more years, a Soviet historian said today.

The historian, Roy Medvedev, said Brezhnev was largely kept in power by corrupt officials in his entourage who knew they were safe while he remained as President and Communist Party General Secretary.

**Simple**

After Brezhnev's 1976 stroke, Medvedev said in an article in the weekly Moscow News, "He gradually found it more and more difficult to carry out the most simple protocol functions and could no longer understand what was going on around him."

Brezhnev, who became party leader in 1964 after the removal of Nikita Khrushchev, died in November 1982. The period of his rule is now officially condemned as one of social and economic stagnation.

His son-in-law, former first Deputy Interior Minister Yuri

Churbanov, went on trial in Moscow this week accused of involvement in a huge corruption scandal and other officials who flourished under him have also been sacked or arrested.

Churbanov, has been indicted for accepting more than \$1 million in bribes from officers in Uzbekistan who used his influence to obtain favours for themselves.

His wife, Galina Brezhnev, has not yet shown herself in court but is due to testify at the trial, marked by dramatic complaints of illness by several of the eight former top Uzbek policemen in the dock with Churbanov.

**Dismissal**

"He was like a god for us," were the words used in court to describe Salim Sabirov, former police chief in the Khorezm region of Uzbekistan. "His word for us was law," the indictment went on, quoting one of Sabirov's subordinates.

The court heard that Uzbek officials faced dismissal if they refused to give bribes. As the trial opened, Churbanov was quoted

as citing "gift-giving" as a mark of friendship in Uzbekistan, a Central Asian republic of Muslim tradition.

Medvedev, who was expelled from the party under Brezhnev but has now emerged as a leading reformist historian, said the former Kremlin chief was a "weak-willed man with a weak character..."

"Many people in his entourage who were influential but totally wallowing in corruption needed Brezhnev to appear from time to time in public as at least a formal head of state. They literally led him around by the hand..."

Medvedev said Brezhnev sought to avoid conflicts and was benevolent even towards colleagues and friends who were known to have embezzled state funds.

"For example, it took a great deal of time to have the long-serving party leader of Georgia, (Vasily) Mzhavradze, removed, even though his greed and corruption had become legendary," the historian said.

## 'Stalin unattended for hours before his death'

MOSCOW, Sept 7, (AP): Dictator Josef Stalin went unattended by doctors for at least 14 hours after a fatal stroke in 1953 because his security chief refused to let anyone summon physicians, according to a Soviet newspaper.

Sovetskaya Estonia said in an edition that arrived in Moscow yesterday that Stalin's bodyguards found him incapacitated on the floor of his country residence but Lavrenti Beria insisted Stalin was sleeping.

No one dared contradict Beria and Stalin was unattended until

the next day, the newspaper reported in its Sunday edition.

Beria became head of the secret police in 1938 and carried out bloody purges during the Stalin era.

The newspaper said its report was based partly on an account by a retired security officer, A.T. Rykov, who claimed he was present at Stalin's dacha, or country home, when Stalin died.

Stalin had ruled since 1924. Little official information was given about his death in March 1953. His final days have been a

mystery to historians.

Sovetskaya Estonia gave this version:

Stalin probably died several days before March 5, 1953, which was given officially as the date of death.

Stalin died at his dacha and not in the Kremlin, as official reports said.

An autopsy showed Stalin suffered a series of small strokes in his final years that affected "parts of the brain responsible for psychotic activities," the report said.

## Grenade launched at Karachi oil terminal

KARACHI, Sept 7, (UPI): Unknown assailants fired a rocket-propelled grenade today at an oil terminal in the southern port of Karachi, hitting a tank of molasses and exploding in a blast that caused little damage and no casualties, officials and witnesses said.

The witnesses said a car stopped at about 6:20 am at the terminal in the port area of Pakistan's largest city. They said a number of men got out and launched the grenade at the facility.

Officials said the grenade hit a tank of molasses and exploded but there was no further damage and no casualties. Molasses, which is exported, is often stored at oil terminals in the country.

**Previous**

The incident followed similar attacks that caused minor damage to two oil refineries on Aug 18, the day after President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq died in a plane crash.

A bomb explosion at a railway station in Karachi on Sunday wounded 12 people.

Officials have blamed other bomb blasts in the city and in areas near the Afghan border in recent years on agents of the Afghan government seeking to destabilise Pakistan for its support of Muslim guerrillas fighting to topple the Soviet-installed Kabul regime.

## Threat of famine in Bangladesh looms large

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The sources praised the government of President Hussain Mohammad Ershad for a successful food storage programme that ensured there were 1.4 million tons of rice — enough to feed the nation for more than a month — in warehouses around the country when the flooding began two weeks ago.

Ershad called for talks on a solution to the endemic flood problems with neighbouring India, Nepal and Bhutan, where rain runoff from Himalayan regions into the catchment areas of Bangladesh's main rivers has been exacerbated in recent years because of growing deforestation. He said China might also take part in such talks because of its experience with deforestation in Tibet.

The United States is sending about \$3.6 million in emergency aid to Bangladesh and will consider further requests for help. The State Department has said.

**Package**

State Department spokesman Charles Redman told reporters so far the official American aid package included: \$2.5 million in wheat, \$1 million in wheat seeds, \$40,000 in supplies to help save children, \$50,000 in equipment to keep food dry and for use as shelters and \$25,000 in cash for the President's Relief Fund.

Bangladesh has also received pledges of immediate aid from Japan, Pakistan (\$5 million), Britain (\$500,000), Australia (\$300,000), Bhutan and United Nations aid organisations. The International Red Cross has appealed for \$5.5 million to provide food and other emergency supplies.

## President's rule imposed on Mizoram

NEW DELHI, Sept 7, (AP): The government today imposed direct federal rule and dissolved the legislature in the northeastern state of Mizoram, news reports said.

The government ordered so-called President's rule in an effort to end a 10-day-old political crisis sparked by a rebellion within the ruling Mizoram National Front, a former guerrilla movement, the United News of India said.

Eight dissident members defected to Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party on Aug 29, leaving the government of Chief Minister Laldenga in a minority in the 40-member state legislature, the news agency said.

Mizoram is the fourth state to be placed under President's Rule.

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## Troops given orders to shoot anarchists

## Looting breaks out in Rangoon

RANGOON, Sept. 7, (Agencies): Looting and violence spread in Rangoon today and the embattled government ordered soldiers to shoot people ransacking factories and warehouses.

Radio Rangoon, virtually the only state organ still under the control of the government, broadcast a warning that from today morning looters would be shot.

The radio said soldiers would not interfere with peaceful demonstrations.

Meanwhile, the United States said yesterday that the aspirations of the Burmese people for democracy should be met soon.

"There is complete anarchy here," one Western diplomat said. "There is looting going on all over town."

Another diplomat reported looting near the university in the northwestern part of the city.

A resident contacted by telephone said the customs warehouse in the main business district had been ransacked, but this could not be confirmed by authoritative sources.

For the first time in months of anti-government demonstrations, often marked by mayhem and killings, fear filled the voices of the diplomats as they spoke to reporters on the telephone.

One spoke of embassy staff erecting barricades of sharpened spikes to protect a rice store near their mission from marauding crowds.

Such barricades were going up throughout the city as people desperately tried to protect their lives and property, they said.

One diplomat said he had heard reports that the warehouses of Western aid agencies were under attack, including operations run by West Germany, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation and the UN International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

These reports could not be confirmed. The phone at UNICEF was not answered.

**Evacuation**

A US embassy official contacted by telephone said arrangements were being made to evacuate about 75 dependents of embassy staff "as a precautionary measure."

Plans, however, were not yet definite, he said, because of word that tomorrow's international flights to the Burmese capital would be cancelled.

The official, who asked not to be named, said the embassy will continue to be fully manned. The official said several other embassies

in Rangoon had similar plans, but this could not immediately be confirmed.

The Radio Rangoon announcement said: "Unscrupulous people are resorting to violence, breaking into and looting factories and warehouses where public property is stored."

"Hence, in accordance with their duties to protect and safeguard public property the defence forces and the peoples police shall open fire to impose control should they find that these people continue their acts."

The authorities issued the order to shoot on the eve of a planned demonstration to start a nation-wide general strike set to last until the fall of the ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party, which has led the country through 26 years of increasing poverty and political repression.

"This matter does not concern those people who are demonstrating peacefully," the radio announcement said, just hours before an opposition deadline for the resignation of President Maung Maung.

Last night, Aung San Suu Kyi, one of the emerging leaders of the opposition, accused military intelligence officers of paying thugs to destabilise the city.

Patrols of monks and students

have been trying to maintain public order in the absence of police.

She said the officers were linked to Sein Lwin, who ruled for only 18 days in late July and early August when diplomats said 3,000 people were killed in Rangoon alone after soldiers were ordered to open fire on demonstrators.

Diplomats said that while there may be agents provocateur afoot in the city, most of the looters were motivated by hunger and poverty.

"There are many, many very poor people in this city and it does not take much to get them to plunder," a diplomat said.

Spokesman Charles Redman told reporters that the United States is not prescribing specific solutions for Burma. The country has been wracked by weeks of demonstrations and turmoil and a rapid change of political leadership.

Redman said: "We have been impressed by the strong desire among many Burmese for an early restoration of a multi-party democracy. In these circumstances, we believe the important thing is that the aspirations of the Burmese people for greater freedom and democracy be met soon."

## Libya is major source of arms for IRA, says US

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7, (UPI): The State Department has labelled Libya as the major source of arms and explosives for the Irish Republican Army and said continued Libyan support for such terrorism rules out any improvement in relations with the United States.

Spokesman Charles Redman commented on an interview with Libyan leader Moammar Khadafi in the Washington Post yesterday, in which the Libyan leader said that he expected an improvement in US-Libyan relations after the Reagan administration ends.

Redman said that any improvement in relations with Libya is impossible because of Libya's support for international terrorism.

The US spokesman said that it

is believed that Libya has supplied the IRA with at least 150 tons (136,000 kg) of explosives and arms.

One shipment of 150 tons (136,000 kg) of arms was captured by French authorities last October. According to the State Department's annual report on global terrorism, four earlier shipments apparently slipped through with a similar quantity of weapons, including a shipment of semtex, a sophisticated explosive that is difficult to detect and has an explosive power 40 times that of the bombs used previously by the IRA.

The State Department's annual report, issued last month, said there had been a sharp decrease in the number of international terrorist attacks associated with Libya.

## Shamir vows to crush uprising

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 7, (UPI): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, kicking off the right-wing Likud party's election campaign, has said that Israel will not give up the West Bank and Gaza Strip and promised to use force to crush the Palestinian uprising.

He also vowed to block the creation of a Palestinian state.

"The Likud will carry on massive settlements of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) and Gaza until everyone can see that we are here to stay," Shamir told more than 3,000 cheering supporters at a standing-room only rally in Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'Ooma Centre.

"Israel is here to stay," Shamir added.

"The Likud will use force to stop the violence (in the territories) and use the Army and security services to deal with terror," Shamir said.

Shamir and Likud cabinet ministers who addressed the rally attacked the Labour Party for backing international Middle East peace conference and proposing to give up occupied territory in return for peace.

"We the Likud want peace with all our neighbours, but only through direct negotiations," Shamir said.

Shamir said a Likud victory in the Nov. 1 national elections "would put an end to the delusions regarding an independent Palestinian state or a provisional (Palestinian) government."

Such a victory would also send a message to "all Arab rioters... and the organisations controlling them, that they do not stand a chance of fulfilling their goals and plots," he said.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation is under pressure to fill the vacuum left by Jordan's

## Call for probe into Aquino family's wealth

MANILA, Sept. 7, (UPI): Vice-President Salvador Laurel, leader of a new opposition coalition, called today for a "Watergate-style" probe into how President Corason Aquino's family gained control of a \$6.5 million financial empire.

Authorities, meanwhile, released the embargoed text of a news conference, in which Aquino promised to consult Laurel and his new allies on a treaty determining the future of strategic US military bases.

Laurel, who had been flirting with the right-wing opposition for a year, formally assumed the leadership last month of the Union for National Action, whose members include Aquino's brother-in-law, Ricardo "Baby" Lopa, acted just six days after Aquino came to power in February 1986 to take over 39 companies formerly owned by a Marcos associate.

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King Hussein when he dropped all claims to the West Bank in July. A possible PLO move would be the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state in the occupied lands or the creation of a government in exile.

Shamir pledged that, if re-elected, he would immediately "invite the leaders of Egypt and Jordan and Palestinians in Judea and Samaria and Gaza to negotiate directly for peace on the basis of the Camp David agreements," which call for limited Palestinian autonomy.

He said the talks would be conducted without preconditions. "Each side will be able to raise any issue as long as we don't stop talking until all possibilities for peace have been exhausted," he said.

Shamir said the nine-month-old Palestinian uprising has not changed his mind about the need to negotiate autonomy.

## Palme persuaded Rajiv to buy arms

LONDON, Sept. 7, (AP): Olof Palme, the assassinated Swedish prime minister, lobbied the Indian government to purchase £800 million (\$1.36 billion) worth of artillery during a peace conference in 1986, a television programme claimed.

The commercial independent television programme "First Tuesday" quoted a former

Palme adviser as saying the Swedish leader asked Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to buy 400 long-range howitzers from Bofors AB, Sweden's largest arms maker.

The meeting took place sometime during an international conference on disarmament in New Delhi in January 1986, according to "First Tuesday."

Rajiv rejected advice from Indian military experts to purchase rival French-manufactured cannon and awarded the contract to Bofors, which had been experiencing financial troubles, the programme said. It was Sweden's largest-ever export contract, the programme said.

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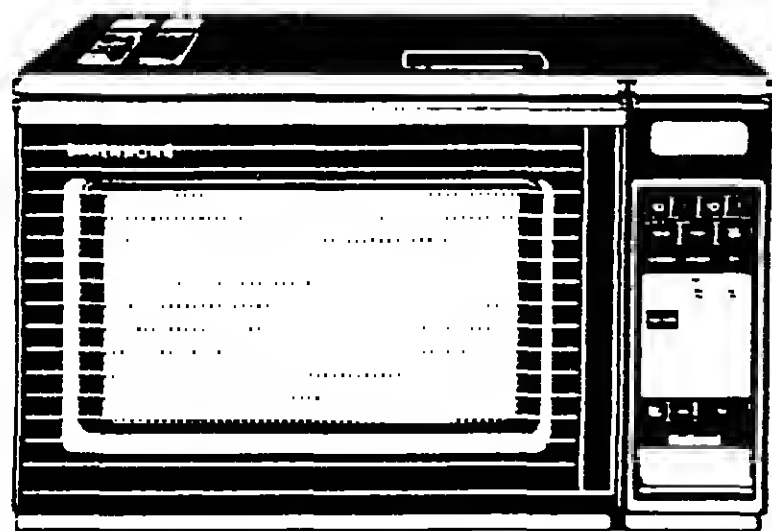
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# Syria refuses to support Iraq's waterway claim

BAGHDAD, Sept. 7 (Agencies): Syria today refused to join other Arab information ministers in backing Iraq's claim to the waterway at the heart of the eight-year-long Gulf war.

The ministers ended a two-day meeting with a statement which pledged to oppose any Iranian attempt to undermine "Iraq's historical right to sovereignty over the Shatt Al Arab since it is Iraq's only maritime outlet to the Gulf."

The official Iraq News Agency (INA) said Syria, represented by an information ministry under-secretary, reserved the right not to accept the statement.

**Warned**  
Syria and Iraq are longtime ideological and political rivals, and relations were strained to breaking point when Syria sided with non-Arab Iraq in the war.

Peace talks between Iraq and Iran in Geneva, to expand a ceasefire into permanent peace have stalled, mainly on the dis-

puted sovereignty over the waterway.

Tehran insists its 1975 agreement with Baghdad giving Iran claim to half the waterway still stands. Iraq tore up the agreement before going to war in Sept. 1980.

Iraq has infuriated Baghdad by insisting it has the right to search Iraqi vessels entering and leaving the Gulf, despite the ceasefire which ended attacks on ships from both sides.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, in a speech to the ministers last night, warned that the war will flare up again if Iran searches any Iraqi ship.

"If one Iraqi ship is searched it means war breaks out," he told the ministers.

**Solidarity**  
INA said today two merchant ships, one Panamanian and one Cypriot-flagged, sailed into the Gulf from southern Iraqi ports after being trapped in the Shatt for eight years.

The information ministers

hailed Iraq's victories in the war and urged in the quest for lasting peace.

The Arab ministers reiterated their solidarity with Iraq in defending its sovereignty and independence.

They also urged Arabs to fight any attempts to obstruct the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 598 or any effort to favour Iraq at the expense of Iraq's right of sovereignty over Shatt Al Arab waterway.

The ministers also proposed a joint media campaign for boosting the Palestinian uprising which enters its 10th month tomorrow.

They recommended adoption of an information charter that will explain the objectives of the Palestinian "intifadah" (uprising) against Israel's continued occupation of Arab lands.

The ministers called for continued support to the Palestinian revolution at Arab and inter-

national levels.

The participants also called for helping Lebanon overcome its current ordeal and achieve independence as an Arab country.

According to Iraq News Agency, the Syrian delegation to the conference expressed reservations about the final statement.

The council also called for a unified strategy for Arab information activities abroad.

Meanwhile, in remarks published yesterday in a Saudi magazine "Ukaz" Kuwaiti Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah said the ministers were expected to discuss ways of benefiting from the Arab satellite (ARABSAT) to activate the exchange of television programmes among Arab countries.

The Kuwaiti minister came home today. He led Kuwait's delegation to the 23rd session of the conference.

In a statement to Kuwait News



Kuwait's Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah comes home after attending the Arab Information Ministers Conference in Baghdad.

Agency, he said that the resolutions adopted by the conference are practical and realistic. He also expressed hope that the resolutions will help realise the development of information systems to cope with technological advances.

Sheikh Jaber said he appreciated the efforts by infor-

mation undersecretaries and experts at the Permanent Committee for Information whose preparations for the conference ensured its success.

Sheikh Jaber also hailed the efforts exerted by the Iraqi Information Ministry which provided all facilities for the conference.

He also thanked the Iraqi

Minister of Culture and Information, whose efforts reflected the spirit of Arab solidarity and joint Arab action.

The minister highlighted the role played by Kuwait during the conference and stressed that Kuwait will continue to work for implementation of all resolutions and recommendations.

## Copters may be used to control school traffic

THE General Traffic Department will work to ensure the smooth flow of traffic during the beginning of the school year, Colonel Salem Al Roumi, acting director-general said.

If necessary, the department will use helicopters from the Ministry of Defence to control the flow of traffic on Saturday the first day at many schools.

The department is studying purchasing a specialised helicopter and building a helipad at the department for its exclusive use. Al Roumi added.

## Officials study Concorde offer

KUWAIT'S Civil Aviation Authorities are considering permitting Concorde planes to operate in Kuwait, according to the Authority's Director Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Abdullah Al Ahmed.

Concorde owners have submitted their terms for operating to and from Kuwait.

The offer's technical and commercial aspects are being studied by the authorities.

Kuwait airport has adequate facilities to accommodate the Concorde.

## Higher education minister appointed

KUWAIT yesterday appointed its first Minister of Higher Education, 43-year-old Ali Abdullah Al Shamlan, the official news agency KUNA reported.

Minister of Education Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri has held the job on a temporary basis since it was created in a cabinet reshuffle last January.

Al Shamlan, who was born in Kuwait in 1943. He was a teacher at Kuwait University since 1973 and was promoted to dean of the science faculty.

**Member**

In 1985 Al Shamlan was nominated to be the director of the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences. He is also an active member of other Arab and international scientific organisations.

He is married with one child.

The Amir decree announcing



Ali Shamlan

Al Shamlan's appointment also stipulated that State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed will carry out the assignments of Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi during the latter's trip abroad.

## 18 carriers of AIDS deported

KUWAIT has deported 18 foreigners carrying the killer disease AIDS, the health minister told a local newspaper yesterday.

The paper gave no further details about the foreigners. It quoted Health Minister Abdul Razzak Yousef Al Abdul Razzak as saying four Kuwaiti nationals carrying AIDS are under medical supervision.

Kuwait, an Arab state with foreigners making up almost 60 per cent of its 1.8 million population, introduced AIDS testing for immigrant workers last March.

A national committee formed to combat AIDS decides whether or not those coming from contaminated areas like Thailand and the Philippines undergo AIDS tests, the minister said.

## Tradition gives way to technology

BAHRAIN, Sept. 7 (Reuters): A centuries-old Muslim tradition of spotting the crescent with the naked eye to define lunar months is to give way to modern technology.

Saudi Arabia's top Islamic theologians have ruled that telescopes may be used, and a royal decree has ordered observation posts set up across the kingdom, the Jeddah-based Arab News reported today.

Unaided sightings of the moon have often conflicted, causing confusion for crucial dates affecting millions of Muslims, such as the start of the fasting month of Ramadan and the annual pilgrimage to Makkah, Islam's holiest shrine.

## Interior council

KUWAIT'S Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem received yesterday the Secretary-General of the Arab Interior Ministers Council, Dr Akram Nashat Ibraheem. The meeting was attended by several high-ranking officials from Kuwait's Interior Ministry.

## School will reopen as scheduled ISP sponsor asserts his right

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dispute or violation of the law and held responsible for the assets and liabilities of the school."

### Decisions

So far, the ISP's administrative decisions are taken by the present board of governors, whose term continues till the election of the new board, which will take place in September, according to a press release issued by the ISP's current chairman of the board, Zahid Said, who is also Pakistan's Ambassador to Kuwait.

The press release, issued earlier this week, also stated that the (school) "account is in the name of ISP and cheques were operated by two members of the finance committee of the board."

It also claims that "the embassy is in no way involved with accounts except (when) the government of Pakistan makes a financial contribution to the school."

Al Sharrah expressed hopes for "more co-operation between all concerned parties and the sponsor, who is legally held responsible 'in case of a dispute'."

"Any private school, be it Arab, Pakistani, English or Indian, should allow the principal to be the best judge of the day-to-day requirements and academic matters." "We don't expect a sponsor to evaluate the academic standard of students at his school, but we expect him to know the outcome of results and be involved in a school's other aspects," Al Sharrah said.

Defining the role of the sponsor further, Al Sharrah said: "Academic matters are the sole responsibility of the principal, and as such there must be rapport between a sponsor and a principal."

### Approved

Asked if the ISP's constitution, recently approved by that school's board, was valid, Al Sharrah said: "We don't interfere in the internal affairs of a school. As long as the management feels there is a need for rules for day-to-day needs —

recruitment of teachers, academic matters such as examinations — and if such rules benefit students and don't contradict our regulations, we accept them," he said.

Al Hufeiti said he does not "approve of the present school constitution."

Asked to comment about the Pakistan embassy's alleged interference in the ISP's affairs, Al Sharrah said: "We do not tolerate interference if it harms the smooth running of a school. However, we would like to see various people involved in the school's management to co-operate with each other, be they the sponsor, principal or the board."

Al Hufeiti alleged that the Pakistan embassy's interference in the school's affairs has been more evident in the last few months.

Al Hufeiti claimed he saw "high embassy officials examining account books at the school." He said this is a violation of the law.

### Locked

Discussing the school's closure, the sponsor said the ISP was "locked by the Pakistan embassy and not by me."

Al Hufeiti said when he went to reopen the school, accompanied by police, they found embassy officials sitting inside the school premises, with the doors locked from the inside.

Citing several examples of embassy interference, Al Hufeiti said he has hired an audit firm to study the school's accounts for the current and previous years.

Al Hufeiti also charged that he was "never consulted while making vital decisions about the school."

He claimed that the board of governors ceased to function on June 3. The sponsor suggests forming a parent's council, instead of the board, in keeping with the law.

"Elections for parents' representation in the council will be held after the situation returns to normal," he said.

Asked to comment on an agreement between the ISP sponsor and the previous Pakistani ambassador, Al Hufeiti said: "It was a letter of acknowledgement of my services rendered to the school, given by the previous ambassador of Pakistan."

The ISP board of governors' press release expresses fears that the school could be turned into "a profit-making organisation." Al Hufeiti claimed that he has not "taken any money from the school for the last eight years" and insisted that he has no intention of running the school for financial benefits.

### Reassured

The sponsor reassured parents that he will not "allow my differences with the embassy to affect the reopening of the school."

"I don't want children to suffer because of our differences," he stressed.

Al Sharrah described the ISP as an institution which is serving the Pakistani community's children.

"Minor problems are no excuse to deprive the children of their right to education," he said. "Difficulties arise at all private schools, which are suitably resolved by my department, keeping in mind the interests of students," he said.

He assured parents that "everything has been done to resolve the issues at ISP and there is nothing to worry about."

Al Sharrah said the school's reopening was postponed by a week (it was due to open on Sept 3) due to the delay in arrival of newly recruited teachers from Pakistan.

The ISP's board of governors have said the school's present vice-principal, Musarat Azhar, will look after affairs until the arrival of the new principal.

Al Hufeiti said he appreciated the ambassador's assistance in recruiting "qualified staff, including the principal" and reiterated his willingness to seek the embassy's assistance in such matters.

## Two arrested in foiled plot to kidnap 5-year-old girl

SHARJAH, Sept. 7 (Agencies): United Arab Emirates police arrested two Irish men accused of kidnapping a 5-year-old girl born to a Jordanian father and an Irish mother, police said.

The suspects, who were hired by the divorced mother, managed to execute the initial part of the plot and planned to flee the country with the child.

The men, brandishing toy guns, stormed the house of the father and his new Filipino bride in Khor Fakan here at 11 pm last night. They gagged the couple and tied them. Then they drove away in a rented car with the girl, Nadine.

The Khaleej Times reported Wednesday that the girl agreed to go with the men.

**Awarded**

The father was able to untie himself, and called the police who arrested the suspects on their way to the airport.

Primary inquiries indicated that Nadine had a dual Irish-Jordanian nationality and was living with her father, a doctor.

The girl lived with her mother in Ireland until last month, the paper said. The mother and father split up a year ago and a Jordanian court awarded custody to the father.

Police were not available for comment and the Irish Embassy in Saudi Arabia, which deals with UAE affairs, said it was not aware of the case.

## New training courses

THE Community Services Centre at Kuwait University announced the introduction of two new comprehensive training courses designed for students who have passed their higher secondary examination.

The first course is aimed at graduating executive secretaries and the second is for qualifying accounts clerks.

Both courses last 12 weeks. Applications will be accepted later this month.

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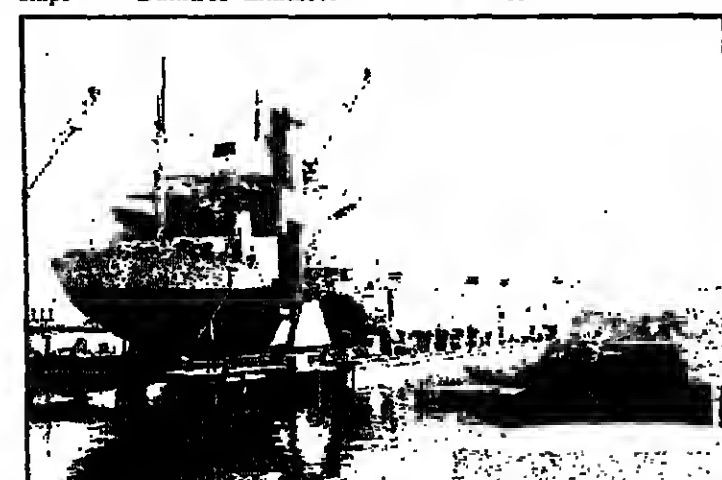
## Ships back from Khour Al Zubair

TWO ships stranded in Khour Al Zubair due to the Iran-Iraq war arrived yesterday at Shuwaik port under their own power for repairs, according to Mousa Marafi, director of the Kuwait Shipbuilding and Repairing Company.

Marafi added that the two ships — "Dimitros Limassol"

belonging to Greece and "Crescent Panama" of Panama had been stranded in the Gulf waters since the start of the Iran-Iraq war in 1980.

They are the first ships to enter the dock of the company after the end of the Iran-Iraq war, the official added.



The Greek ship Dimitros Limassol.

## SOS-7 could answer cries for help in parched lands

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Sept. 7 (Reuters): On a barren, sandy coast in Arabia, parched plants are desperate for water — yet farmers pray it will not rain.

Instead, they nourish in sea water a unique plant called SOS-7 which scientists hope will relieve famine in parts of the world where fresh water is scarce.

"We are the only farmers who are not happy to see rain," James Riley, a University of Arizona scientist, told Reuters.

SOS-7 could be ideal for places in Africa, for example, where water could be pumped from the sea or where the water inland is brackish," Riley said.

"We see this as the next wave of the green revolution," he said, referring to huge yields of improved wheat and other crops achieved in the 1960s. "The benefits could be just as big."

Riley, now based in Kuwait, has headed a four-year-old project at Kalba on the east coast of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to develop SOS-7, a green crop adapted from seaweed-like plants that live naturally along coastlines in the Americas.

Fresh water harms SOS-7 and a cloudburst early this year probably reduced the crop harvested in July — 35 tonnes from 12-1/2 hectares (31 acres).

SOS-7 is inedible for humans but its seeds produce vegetable oil and the rest of the plant can be used as cattle or poultry feed or turned into dark brown straw.

Riley said a project similar to Kalba is underway in Mexico and others will be set up in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

"We hope to increase the yield to make SOS-7 commercially viable on a big scale, which is already happening in Mexico," he said.

Headed that farmers hope to shorten the time from planting to harvesting to six months from seven.

Scientists are also experimenting with other kinds of salt-loving plants, Riley said.

The Kalba farm, funded by Sharjah emirate, plans to fatten its own sheep on SOS-7 to convince other sheep farmers in the UAE of the benefits of the new crop.

Riley said SOS-7 growing could be combined efficiently with saltwater fish-farming. Waste water from the fish farm would be used to irrigate the crop.

He said the seed oil is of higher quality than soybean oil and the Mexican farm is already selling it at similar prices.

SOS-7 — its full name is Salicornia Olited Selection number seven — can be grown using cheap and simple farming techniques, Riley said.

"Poor farmers in Third World countries could quickly learn to grow it," he added.

It grows well in sandy soil and the main preparation for planting is to flood the fields with salt water.

"Sea water has most of the nutrients the crop needs," said Riley. But he said it needs some nitrogenous fertilizer.

But SOS-7 is no miracle crop. Problems with diseases and insects might emerge and the plant grows well only in hot climates, Riley said.

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# EVENTS

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## WHAT'S ON

### EDUCATION

**Quran**  
Registration has begun for the first year Arabic language and Islamic teaching classes, which start on Sept 17, at the Darul Quran, Farwania. Free tuition. Medium of instruction is Urdu. Open to expatriates from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Contact the principal at Darul Quran, Farwania, personally, or phone on 4730335 on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 5 to 7 pm.

**British Council**  
The education adviser at the British Council, Mansouriyah, will give a talk on "Bachelor Degrees in Britain" on Monday, Sept 12, and Tuesday, Sept 13, 6 pm. For further details phone Mrs. Kate Harris on 251-5512/253-3204.

### MUSIC

**Guitar Recital**  
German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin will give a recital at the Kuwait Hilton on Oct 19. "Hymns of Eternity", one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

**Sounds Great**  
Auditions will be held on Sept 15-17 for singers and dancers for the next Sounds Great show, to be held at the Salmiyah cinema on Oct 19-22. For details ring Ken Winston or Adnan 5740256/7 or 5758870.

**Indian Ballet**  
Narhapa, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs. Prameela Surendran, will stage a ballet, Panchavadi, and a number of Nrithas at its annual show, Nrithotsav, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept 22 at 7:00 pm. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, call 4337608.

**East meets West**  
The "Indian Arts Circle" presents "East meets West," a musical evening, by The Fams featuring Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. The lead vocalist will be Susan Rego. It will be held at IAC, Finaitees, at 6:30 pm on Oct 6. Entry by passes. Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC - 2404817.

**Beat Show**  
The Kuwait Beat Show will be held on Oct 14, 3:30 pm, at the IAC, Finaitees. The four-hour show will feature six popular groups - City Limits, 5th Dimensions,

Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. The show has been organised by the Kuwait Goans.

### SOCIAL

**Kuwait Players poolside BBQ**  
The Kuwait Players poolside barbecue will be held on Sept 21 (Wednesday) from 8 pm at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Tickets - KD2. All prospective members and newcomers to Kuwait are welcome. Tel: 3941572 for details.

**Varca Sporting Centre**  
Varca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent, SAS hotel, on Sept 22 at 8:00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. For reservations and details, contact Roland 2430581 or James 5331940.

**Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait**  
The Sounds Great organisation will hold a "Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait" dance party at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Sept 29 at 8 pm. Music by Top Ranks and the Juke Box band. Twist competition, and novelty prizes. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adnan 5740256/7 or 5758870. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

### THEATRE

Auditions for KLT's production, Two and Two make Six, a comedy directed by Stephen Prescott, will take place at 7 pm on Sept 12 (Monday) and Sept 13 (Tuesday). Those interested are asked to go along for auditions at the Kuwait Little Theatre, Ahmadi.

### SPORTS

**Feed the World Sport Aid**  
Sport Aid '88 calling all runners/walkers to join the worldwide synchronised event to be held in Kuwait on Sunday, Sept 11. Start: Messilah Beach Hotel, 6 pm. Run or walk a minimum of one km or a maximum of 10 km. For details contact 5624111 ext. 751.

**Sailing - KOSA Open Day**  
K.O.S.A. - the Kuwait Off-shore Sailing Association - will hold an Open Day at Shaab Yacht Club on Friday, Sept 9, from 1400 hours. Anyone interested in offshore sailing are invited to attend and enjoy, followed by a BBQ. For details contact John Waters or Frank Graham on tel: 5326145 or 2466848.

### KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Good Morning  
9.30 Space Adventures: cartoon serial  
10.15 8 Harat Al Bahar: daily serial  
11.00 News Summary followed by songs and music  
11.15 Al Raheel Sabayya: local serial. Starring: Khalid Al Nafisi, Suad Abdullah, Ghanem Al Saleh, Maryam Al Saleh, Ali Buraiki  
12.00 News Summary  
12.15 Cultural Film  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 World News via Satellite  
1.40 Fawaz Munasabat  
2.15 Al Hanaa Bain Yadaha: last episode  
3.35 Heidi: cartoons  
4.15 The Saint: featuring Roger Moore  
5.00 Liqa Al Khamis: weekly roundup of

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

local events  
7.15 Al Furonsiya Wal Zaman  
7.45 With Islam  
8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab: Arabic serial  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 Lil Hub Khissah Akhira: Arabic feature film, starring: Tahya Karinka, Ma'ali Zayed, Ahmad Rateb, Yahya Fakhrani  
11.45 Variety Show  
12.45 Aghniya Mukhtara: variety show  
1.30 News Summary  
1.35 World News Via Satellite/ Holy Quran/ Closedown

**FRIDAY**  
9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Cartoons  
9.30 Space Adventures: cartoon serial  
10.15 Al Saif Mafkud: weekly serial for chil-

dren  
10.45 Al Kalimah Tayyibah: religious programme  
11.15 Friday Prayer  
12.25 Al Rida Wal Noor: religious show, hosted by Kariman Hamza  
1.35 INTERVAL  
2.00 Songs and Music  
2.30 Hadith Deeni: weekly religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwalli Sharawi  
3.00 Znnrat Al Aylah: Arabic drama, starring: Hassan Abideen, Majda Al Khatib, Farouk Yusuf  
5.45 Cartoons  
7.00 Kuwait in a Week  
7.30 Islamic Art in Morocco, prepared and presented by Adnan Al Ramhi  
8.15 KTV Programmes

Preview  
8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh: weekly talk on Islam  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Wrestling  
10.50 Naseeb: last episode of local serial, starring: Abdullah Hubail, Maryam Saleh, Mohammad Jaber, Khalil Ismail.  
12.00 News Summary, followed by Holy Quran and Closedown.

### KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Bionic Six: Cartoon series  
6.30 Sesame Street: scientific, educational and recreational programme for children.  
7.30 Full House: "The Miracle of Thanksgiving" The family celebrate Thanksgiving...

8.00 News in English  
8.40 High Mountain Rangers: "The Wild". The Rangers help a family reunite after they are chased away from their farm by wild bears.  
9.30 I Married Dora: "Dora Steps Out". Will Dora accept an invitation from an elderly businessman and go out with him?  
10.00 The Hit Squad: practical jokes, intrigues and sneaky bits captured by the hidden camera.  
10.30 Late Night Movie: "I Saw What You Did." Starring: David Carradine, Candice Cameron and Shanne Smith.  
12.00 News Summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

2.30 Sports Studio  
6.00 Foo Fur: cartoons  
6.30 Walt Disney Film  
7.30 The Bay City Rollers Show: songs, humour and a short story for children  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Summer '88  
8.40 "Once a Hero: Captain Justice leaves the forbidden zone and finds out that life is tough in the real world."  
9.30 227: Sandra, Mary and other shoppers are taken hostage in a department store.  
10.00 Guinness Records: more records are set - in eating oysters, jumping and parachuting.  
10.30 Tour of Duty: "The Good, the Bad and the Dead." A team member is court-martialled.  
11.30 News Summary/ Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

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Jahra  
Al Khalid Pharmacy  
Opp. Co-operative Society  
Jeeb Al Shiyookh  
Faliaka Pharmacy  
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### CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Deadly Friend  
Starring: Christy Swanson  
Al Salamiya  
Action Jackson  
Starring: Carol Wades  
Al Hamra  
Valley Girl  
Starring: Elizabeth Daley  
Drive-In  
Al Police Al Nisai (Arabic)  
Starring: Ilham Shabin, Hala Sudqi, Dalal Abdnizaz  
Al Firdous  
Seazish (Hindi)  
Starring: Mithun Chakraborty, Dimple Kapadia, Raj Kumar  
Fahad Open-Air  
Mahaveera (Hindi)  
Al Fahad  
Lakhi Badhu (Bengali)  
Al Jahra  
Al Fulooq Wal Wochoos (Arabic)  
Granada  
Secret Admirer  
Salalikhah  
Oru Minnaminunginte  
Nurugu Vettam (Malayalam)  
Al Jleeb  
Mardon Wali Baat (Hindi)  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
Al Abb Sharay (Arabic)

**FRIDAY**  
Al Jahra  
Haunted Honeymoon  
Granada  
Brahmachari (Hindi)  
Salalikhah  
Rambo III  
Al Jleeb  
Zalzala (Hindi)

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## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THERE is nothing so powerful as the truth, and often nothing so strange — Daniel Webster, US statesman (1782-1852).

## Islamic movement takes a hard line

By Paul Taylor

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM.** (Reuters): A growing Islamic resistance movement in the Israeli-occupied territories has staked out a position more radical than the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) by rejecting any concession to Israel.

In a 40-page covenant, obtained by Reuters, the group which calls itself a wing of the Muslim Brotherhood says no one, including the PLO, has the right to "use any part of sacred Palestinian territory."

"Neither the PLO nor any other organisation has that right because Palestine is entrusted to Muslims for all generations until resurrection," it says.

The document was circulated as the PLO, spurred by a nine-month uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, debates whether to form a provisional government and seek talks with Israel over a partition of historic Palestine into Jewish and Arab states.

**Nationalism**  
The Islamic movement, known by the Arabic acronym Hamas, declares it is not hostile to the PLO but regards secular nationalism as a deviation.

"We share the same home and the same pain, the same fate and the same enemy... when the PLO accepts Islam as the way of life, we will be its soldiers and the wood of its fire to burn the enemies," the covenant says.

"Until then — and we pray to God it will be soon — the position of the Islamic resistance movement's position towards the PLO is that of a father towards his sons, the brother to his brothers and the relative to his relatives," it says.

The covenant's rejection of Israel's existence may fuel the arguments of some left-wing Israelis who say that if their leaders do not talk to PLO leaders today, they will have to deal with Islamic militants tomorrow.

It could also help to make the PLO seem conciliatory and moderate compared to the Muslim fundamentalists.

Many, however, will regard the covenant as further evidence

of deep-seated Palestinian hostility towards the Jews and their state.

The document suggests the Muslim movement is banking on a prolonged process in which Palestinians will turn to Islam out of disillusionment with the failure of secular nationalism to oust the Israelis.

In an interview last week, senior Gaza Muslim leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassio said: "The PLO will give more and more concessions and under (Prime Minister Yitzhak) Shamir's government, Israel will give nothing and the Palestinians will gain nothing."

For decades, the Muslim Brotherhood concentrated on trying to transform Palestinian society along Islamic lines rather than fighting the Israelis.

Hamas was apparently born after the start of the current uprising as Islamic leaders realised they were losing support, particularly among the young, to more radical anti-occupation groups, such as Islamic Jihad.

Palestinians say that while Hamas is strong among Gaza's 650,000 population, it has only pockets of support among the 850,000 West Bank residents, most of whom follow the PLO.

It enforced its first general strike in the West Bank last month in defiance of the largely secular underground unified national leadership of the uprising, backed by the PLO. In some areas rival militants fought in the streets that day.

Some Palestinians are wary of Hamas because it has operated with relative impunity since the start of the uprising last December, while Israel has arrested thousands of secular nationalists and jailed them without trial.

"There is a feeling that the Islamic movement, maybe even quietly encouraging it, in the hope of splitting the intifada (uprising)," a Palestinian journalist said. "People will continue to view Hamas with suspicion as long as the Israelis treat it favourably."

Palestinian sources said there had been contacts between the unified leadership and Hamas in an attempt to avoid conflict, but efforts to co-ordinate activities had not succeeded so far.

## Turkey in dilemma over Kurdish refugees

By John Owen-Davies

**ANKARA.** (Reuters): Turkey has taken a gamble in giving sanctuary to Kurdish rebels and civilians fleeing to Army outposts in northern Iraq, diplomats said on Tuesday.

The decision could upset vital trade relations between Ankara and Baghdad and could also exacerbate difficulties with local Kurds in southern Turkey, they said.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz told reporters that acceptance of more than 60,000 Iraqi Kurds had "no negative effect on bilateral relations."

But it was clear from a visit to the rugged and remote border area that the potential existed for trouble.

Baghdad, which launched a major offensive against rebel Kurds in late July amid peace moves in its eight-year war with Iran, has handed some of the refugees terrorists and criminals.

Few of them seemed likely to accept an offer by Baghdad on Tuesday of a full amnesty if they returned to Iraq within 30 days.

**Killed**  
Turkey has its own Kurdish problem in the southeast where more than 1,100 people have been killed since the Marxist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) launched a violent campaign in 1984 for autonomy from Ankara.

"What will happen if the PKK continues attacks in Turkey? What if some of the refugees find their way back to Iraq to fight?" asked one diplomat.

Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said last week the decision to allow the Iraqi Kurds was made on humanitarian grounds. "We will do all we can for the refugees," he said.

At stake for Turkey in any deterioration in ties with Iraq could be lucrative two-way trade, which was worth \$2.1 billion last year. Iraq supplies 60 per cent of Turkey's oil imports.

"There are many question marks," said another diplomat. "There could be problems for the

Turks but you have to admire them."

"We are giving them (the Kurds) temporary refuge... they will be moved to camps away from the border and maybe speed the winter there," Interior Minister Mustafa Kalemli told Reuters.

At least 1,700 refugees have been moved from the border to family groups and fleets of trucks are waiting to take more.

Officials said the flow of refugees crossing the border had now fallen sharply as Iraqi troops controlled the passes.

"Even though our borders are open, the Iraqi forces' presence makes it impossible to flee to Turkey now," Yilmaz told the Turkish Daily News.

Turkish commandos are watching over most of the refugees, including disarmed peshmerga (guerrillas), in makeshift transit camps just inside the border.

Iran, which gave weapons and logistical support to peshmerga of the Iraqi-based Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) during the Gulf war, has offered to take some of the refugees.

But informed sources said Iraq's alliance with rebel leaders Masoud Barzani, head of the KDP, and Jalal Talabani was purely tactical and they would be of no help to Tehran in peace time.

Most peshmerga interviewed by Reuters near the border were reluctant to commit themselves to going to Iran and said they wanted to continue their fight the Iraqi government.

**Problems**  
"We had planned to go back after bringing the civilians out but when we came to Turkey our guns were taken away," said Akram May, a senior peshmerga.

Turkey could have problems with Baghdad if peshmerga resettled in Iran later went back to fight in Iraq, possibly with weapons hidden in the northern Iraqi mountains.

A Turkish military doctor to the border region told Reuters that some refugees had chest problems.

## Flights to Goa welcome

**SIR:** According to reports British Airways will introduce two Madras/London flights per week with stopover in Kuwait from Nov 4. This is good news to the south Indian community in Kuwait who have been demanding Air India for direct flights for quite some time.

BA went ahead to catch a lucrative market of 400,000 both Indian and tourist traffic from US, UK and Kuwait, while Air India overlooked it.

We Goas in Kuwait, estimated around 20,000, perhaps now will have to woo British Airways to re-route one of BA's two flights to Madras with a stopover at Goa, as more Goans travel home in winter. Also about 200,000 tourists visit Goa during the winter season.

Goans would be delighted to board BA flights to Kuwait on way home as they are not happy with AI schedules that keep them waiting for four hours in Bombay. We are not against our home carrier. All we are asking for is more convenient flights. For that matter, Goans would welcome any carrier, even KAC, should it decide to operate to Goa. KAC could extend the said route to Cochin or even Trivandrum.

For two years now, Lufthansa has been flying to Goa from Germany every week. Even if Lufthansa operated the same flight via Kuwait, Goans would be quite happy.

The statement by Air India Regional Manager Ranga Rao during his visit to Kuwait, that AI requires 80 per cent load to sustain Goa direct flight operations, is both unreasonable and provocative. Goans are asking for a weekend flight to Goa and return to Kuwait on Fridays.

It is sad to see Air India officials reacting angrily over comments made in the newspapers here over Goa operations. Goans are Air India's clientele for three decades, and how could AI ignore their interest, which is mutual?

Vincent de Souza  
Convener,  
Goan Committee for  
Kuwait/Goa flights.

## Unreliable Air India

**SIR:** Air India is becoming the most unreliable airline day by day. It never maintains its schedule. Suddenly flights are cancelled and even when reservations are confirmed and passengers are told at the airport

that seats are not available.

I had a bitter experience last month to India at Madras International Airport on flight AI433 from Madras to Bombay and then to Kuwait.

Our tickets were reconfirmed. When we went to the counter, the Air India staff said that they were extremely sorry to inform us that the flight was full and they will try to arrange seats for us on an Indian Airlines flight.

Nearly 33 passengers could not be accommodated and then finally we had to rush to Indian Airlines at the domestic airport. I don't think such things happen in any other airlines.

The bus and railway services in India are more reliable than Air India.

A reader,  
(Name and address supplied).

**'Inaccurate report'**

**SIR:** This refers to the report entitled "Reopening of International School of Pakistan postponed", (AT, Sept 3). There are some inaccuracies in the story which are likely to prove detrimental to the interests of the school.

The constitution has been adopted by the board of govern-

nors by consensus, after detailed discussion. It is interim only in the sense that it provides a procedure for amendment and can be reviewed by the new board of governors, to be elected this month. Therefore, an element of flexibility has been provided.

The present board of governors will continue to discharge its duties till the new board takes charge. There is nothing controversial about the constitution.

The chairman is prepared to increase the elected board members from two to four, provided the sponsor agrees. The constitution also provides for an elected parents council of 16 members to consult the principal and teachers about parent-teacher relations, sports and cultural events.

Said Akbar Afridi  
Secretary, board of governors,  
International School of Pakistan

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** We stand by our story. Charges of inaccuracies are incorrect. Said Akbar Afridi told Ashraf Shaad, our Urdu editor, on Sept 1 that the present board of governors doesn't exist anymore. Reply to a question on the board meet-

ing, held on Aug 30, he described it as "informal."

The controversy over the constitution was about the number of elected board members. The Ambassador of Pakistan, Zahid Said, who is also the chairman of the board of governors, admitted in a statement issued to the press on Sept 5 that he "was willing to accept four elected representatives but the sponsor insisted on restricting such representation to two members". This is also mentioned in the letter above. Some board members interviewed by the Arab Times expressed doubts about the approval of the constitution.

**A case of disrespect**

**SIR:** It is terribly disconcerting to see the minuscule condolence advertisement (5 cms x 10 cms) published by the Indian School in a local newspaper.

Squeezing the condolence for two respected teachers in such a small space is really the worst case of disrespect and sheer bad etiquette. It would have been better not to place the advertisement at all, if money was the priority.

If the only thought behind such action was to convey the poverty and meanness of the

school, then it has succeeded. Why else would such an institution backed by thousands of paying students and capable financial resources in a rich Middle East country like Kuwait resort to such vile methods of "elevating" its image? Is this what education is all about?

Wake up Indian School. Where is your sense of gratitude, fair play and education?

N. Ramaswami,  
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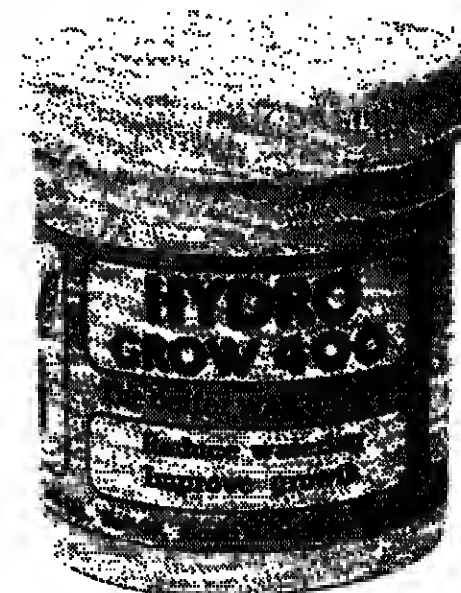
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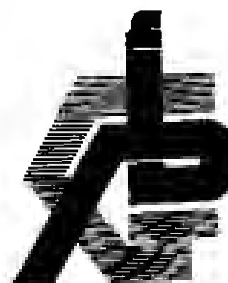
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## Dear Junior Readers,

For the younger ones among you, the awful day has already passed, but, for the rest, the horror of crawling out of bed at the crack of dawn, climbing sleepily into the bus and sitting trapped in one room for what seems like forever is yet to come. Yes...the first day of term is almost here!

Still, as I said a few weeks ago, look on the bright side. There will be no more long, boring days not knowing what to do, you will see old friends again and make some new ones too and, most important of all, you will start learning again.

So, make a resolution from the very first day to work hard and get as much as you can out of your school days.

Good luck to you all and I hope you have an interesting and successful term.

Auntie Jayne

## Happy birthday,



Nadine El Kurdi, pictured here with her doll Lolie, will celebrate her 4th birthday on 12th September. Happy birthday to Hani, Maria and Omar.



Tasneem Hashim Chowk-wala will celebrate her 3rd birthday on 11th September. Many happy returns of the day, Tasneem, from your loving Papa, Mum and relatives.

## Carlo and the Giant from the Tall Mountains

house and play his flute in the sun.

One sunny day Carlo was doing just that when he heard a sudden roar from the mountains and stamp up and down outside the walls of the city nearby, ranting and roaring, swinging his great wooden club.

Of course this terrified the people of the city, and at the first signs of his coming they would flee indoors and crouch there trembling until he went away again. Before he went away the Giant would lean over the city wall and pick up great amounts of fruit and meat.

Once the Mayor of the city got up an army from the men, to fight the Giant. But when they marched out to face him, the Giant just bent down, gave a great puff and blew them all back into the city. His laughter that time was so loud it cracked some of the windows of the houses. Well, the people of the city were very unhappy, but there seemed to be nothing they could do.

There happened to be living in the city at that time a boy called Carlo. Now Carlo and his parents were afraid of the Giant, and when he came they would hide under their beds. But when he had gone Carlo would cheer his mother and father up by playing music on his silver flute. Carlo loved music and loved playing his flute. Most of all he loved to go up onto the roof of the

pocket.

"Now then, out you come!" Carlo was whisked from the pocket and placed on the rim of a cup so large that all his family could have taken a bath in it. He sat there, shivering with fright, expecting the Giant to snap him into his mouth and crunch him up there and then. But nothing like that happened.

Carlo looked up into the great face. It really wasn't so terrible, in fact it looked sad and unhappy.

"Can you talk to me?" said the Giant suddenly.

"Talk to you," said Carlo, full of surprise.

"Yes, I'm a very lonely fellow," the Giant said. "I never have a chance to talk to anybody. I just can't seem to make any friends."

At this Carlo jumped off the cup, filled with anger.

"Friends!" he shouted up to the Giant. "How dare you talk about making friends. Why do you come down to the city then, roaring and frightening everybody?"

The Giant covered his face with his hands. "Please don't shout at me. I don't like it," he said. "I only do those awful things because all Giants do them. That's what we do—

we frighten people!"

"Splash!" A huge teardrop hit the table, and Carlo had to jump back quickly to avoid getting soaked. The Giant was crying! Now Carlo started to feel sorry for him.

"All right, Giant," he said, "all right. I shouldn't have shouted at you, but you do terrify all the people in the city so!"

But the Giant went on weeping and the table began to get rather wet.

"I must stop him crying," Carlo pulled his silver flute from his pocket and began to play it.

At once the Giant stopped and looked down, his eyes and mouth wide open.

"Why, that's wonderful music," he got up and began to dance around the cave, humming the tune.

"Giant, you have lovely voice," shouted Carlo, who had a good ear for such things.

The Giant came back to the table.

"Have I really?" he said, his great face beaming.

"Can you teach me to sing?"

"Of course I can," replied Carlo.

And so Carlo stayed at the Giant's cave for several days, teaching him all the



lovely songs that he knew.

When the Giant next appeared at the city walls, everyone ran about in a terrible fright until someone noticed that he wasn't carrying on like he had before and that Carlo, the boy no one ever expected to see again, was standing on the flat of the Giant's hand.

"Listen, everyone," Carlo shouted. "The Giant won't hurt you. He just wants you to hear him sing."

Carlo began to play his flute and the Giant began to sing.

Slowly the streets filled with people listening with wonder to the Giant's beautiful voice. When he finished the whole city began clapping and cheering.

The Giant smiled and bowed to the crowd. "I owe

it all to Carlo," he said.

"The Giant is very sorry for all the trouble he has caused. He promises to leave the city in peace if you will let him come and sing and talk to you!" Carlo said.

The people cheered and shouted "Yes, Yes."

How happy everyone was, the Mayor, the Giant, Carlo and especially Carlo's parents to see their dear son safe and well. The city became very proud of its singing Giant, and Carlo became a famous man in the city.

Well, all this happened a very, very long time ago, but even today people who travel through the Tall Mountains sometimes hear the most beautiful sounds. I expect the Giant is still there somewhere, singing his beautiful songs.

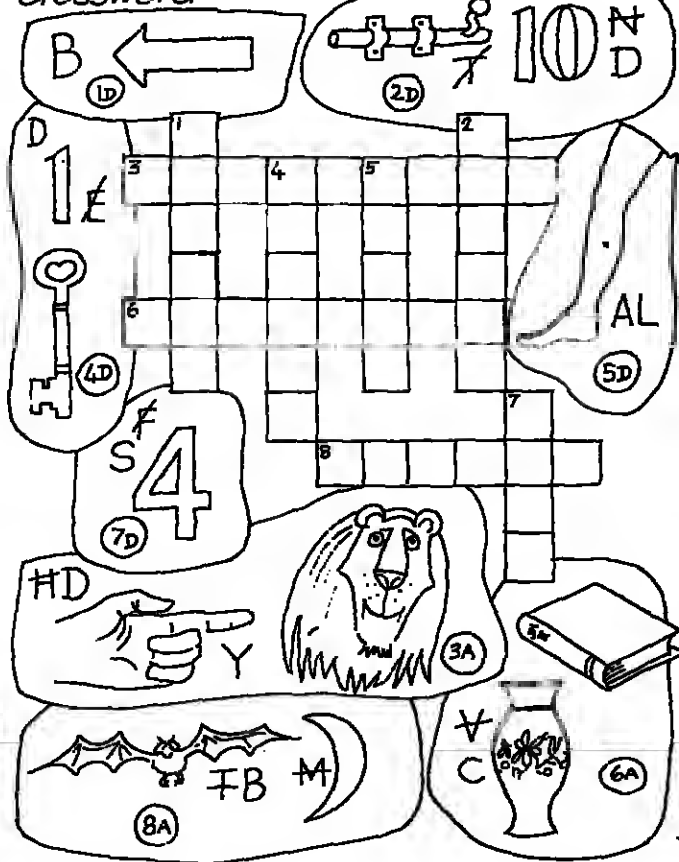
## Solution to Tuesday's nature quiz

1. Animals that eat dead things (carrion).
2. Part of a giant galaxy in the sky. It is made up of the sun, the planets and other heavenly bodies that revolve around the sun.
3. The chlorophyll in plants acts as a catalyst in the presence of sunlight.
4. A horse which has a coat of white hairs mixed with hairs of a solid colour.
5. The branches grow close to the trunk and point sharply upwards.
6. Fish need oxygen in order to live. There is some oxygen in water, but not enough to supply fish in large numbers in a limited area. The plants increase the supply, and help to keep the fish healthy.
7. Male is either stag or buck; female is doe or hind.
8. Flying insects, caught on the wing.
9. The potato.
10. Flax.
11. Fish.
12. (i) Antlers are the horn-like protuberances that deer have on their heads. (ii) Antlers are end portions of the stamens (that contain the pollen) in a flower.
13. Supposed to be like a hare. Latin: Lepus — hare.
14. A goat. Angora goat in present usage. Historically the stuff we now call mohair.
15. The pelican is a web-footed bird.
16. The whale (blue or sulphur-bottom whale).
17. Dant.
18. It can change colour to match its surroundings as a form of camouflage.
19. The mongoose.
20. The horse. It existed 50 million years ago. Changed through the processes of civilization. In Europe the animal (Eohippus) is called by its scientific name 'Hyracotherium', but the more picturesque synonym 'Eohippus', meaning 'dawn horse' continues in popular use.

Solution to 'Two into one': Fire engine; birdcage; paintbrush; tie pin; football; penknife; nailfile.

Solution to 'Tree trail': 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 58, 57, 51, 52, 53, 54, 47, 46, 45, 44, 43, 36, 37, 38, 31, 30, 29, 22, 15, 16, 23, 24, 17, 10, 9, 8, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 14, 13, 12, 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 27, 26, 25, 32, 39, 40, 33, 34, 35, 42, 41, 48, 49, 56, 55, 62, 61, 68, 69, 70, 63.

## Crossword



Sort out the jumbled letters to find out what the chef is cooking.

## Why the last two centuries were so important for scientific progress

IN the past 150 years the rate of human progress has increased enormously. There is not a single field of science and technology that has not been examined, extended or revised by the large-scale developments which have taken place during the past two centuries.

During the past few years and particularly since the conquest of the Moon, people no longer marvel at anything and show scarcely any interest in the ever-increasing flood of inventions. They are convinced that now nothing is impossible to the human mind with its ability to overcome all obstacles and solve all difficulties.

It will depend upon man's capacity for making the best use of the world's natural resources whether we shall have a peaceful life in future, but it will depend even more upon his wisdom whether these resources are to be used for the real progress of man and not for the total destruction of man and his environment.

## The why of science

Why in future we shall have to purify sea water.

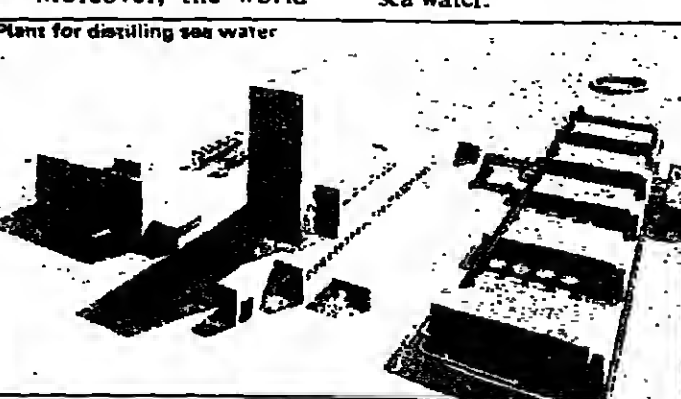
The life of modern man calls for an ever increasing consumption of water. To take one example from industry: to build a single motorcar needs two and a half million litres of water. The situation is just as surprising with regard to food: the maize plant absorbs an average of 200 litres of water for every kilo of seed it produces; for a loaf of bread 3,000 litres of water are required.

Moreover, the world

water reserves are continually decreasing: for instance, glaciers are tending to retreat and glaciers are nature's reserves of fresh water.

In contrast to the shortage of water and the increasing demand for it there is the enormous amount of water to be found in the oceans and seas.

There is, therefore, a pressing need to purify sea water. One actual example is Kuwait, where all the fresh water used is obtained by distillation of sea water.



## Lemon surprise pudding



## Ingredients

1 packet lemon pie filling  
2 eggs  
1 small tin pineapple pieces  
2 rounded tablespoonsfuls sugar (50g or 2 oz)

## Equipment

Small pan  
Wooden spoon  
Whisk  
Measuring jug  
Metal spoon  
Ovenproof dishes  
Mixing bowl  
Tin opener

1. Put oven on at Gas Mark 4 (electricity 350°F/180°C).

2. Open tin of pineapple, place juice in a measuring jug and add water to make up to 250ml (1/2 pint).

3. Separate eggs. Place yolks and lemon pie filling in pan; place whites in mixing bowl.

4. Add the 250ml (1/2 pint) mixed juice and water to the egg yolks.

5. Place pan on top of cooker and heat gently, stirring all the time, until the lemon mixture comes to the boil and thickens.

6. Add pineapple pieces to lemon sauce and stir well. Pour into the ovenproof dishes.

7. Whisk egg whites until they stand in soft peaks; add the sugar and fold in with metal spoon.

8. Spoon mixture on top of lemon sauce in dishes, working from the sides to the centre. Bring mixture up into peaks using the back of a metal spoon.

9. Place dishes in the centre of the oven for 15 minutes until the peaks are golden brown. This pudding can be served hot or cold.

## Ha! Ha!

What do seven days of dieting do?  
They make one weak.

What did the doctor give the man for wind?  
A kite.

Did you hear about the unlucky man who bought some bananas?  
They were empty.

'Can you help me out?'  
'Yes, which way did you come in?'

What goes 'Ho, ho, ho, plopp?'  
Santa Claus laughing his head off.

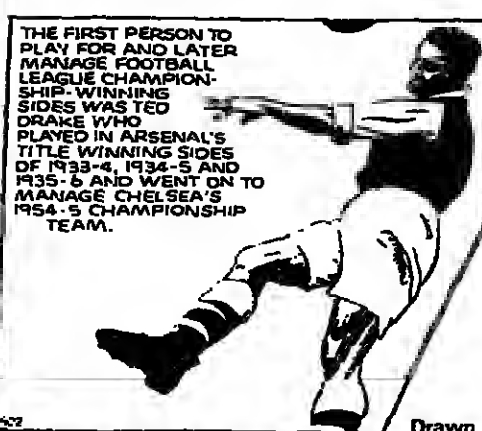
What kind of clothes did Cinderella wear?  
Wish-and-wear clothes.

Why do ducks look sad?  
When they preen their feathers they get down in the mouth.

What do you get when you cross a hen with a poodle?  
Pooched eggs.

What falls but never gets hurt?  
Snow and rain.

## Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



THE FIRST PERSON TO PLAY FOR AND LATER MANAGE FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP-WINNING SIDES WAS TED DRAKE WHO PLAYED IN ARSENAL'S TITLE WINNING SIDES OF 1933-4, 1934-5 AND 1935-6 AND WENT ON TO MANAGE CHELSEA'S 1954-5 CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM.



THE FIRST PAID DIRECTOR OF A FOOTBALL CLUB WAS MALCOLM MACDONALD. THE FORMER ENGLAND STRIKER WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE FULHAM BOARD IN NOVEMBER 1961.



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CHARLOTTE 'LITTLE DODD' (1871-1960) WON THE WIMBLEDON SINGLES TENNIS TITLE FIVE TIMES. THE LADIES GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1904 AND REPRESENTED ENGLAND AT SKATING AND TOBACCOGANNING AND WON AN OLYMPIC SILVER MEDAL FOR ARCHERY IN 1908.

CHILDRED 'BASE' ZAHARIAS (1914-64) (USA) WON TWO GOLD MEDALS (200 YARDS AND 400 YARDS) AT THE 1932 OLYMPIC GAMES. SHE SET WORLD RECORDS AT THOSE GAMES AND AT 32 WAS AN ALL-AMERICAN BASKETBALL PLAYER AND SET THE WORLD RECORD FOR THROWING THE BASEBALL 286ft 6in (87.3m) AT GOLF SHE WON THE US WOMEN'S AMATEUR TITLE IN 1944 AND THE US WOMEN'S TITLE IN 1945.



ON 4 MARCH 1993 CHARLES BURGESS FRY (67) (1873-1956) EQUALLED THE WORLD LONG JUMP RECORD OF 23ft 4in (7.1m). HE REPRESENTED ENGLAND V IRELAND AT SOCCER (1907) AND PLAYED FIRST-CLASS RUGBY FOR THE BARBARIANS. AT CRICKET HE HEADED THE ENGLISH BATTING AVERAGES IN SIX SEASONS AND CAPTAINED ENGLAND IN 1912. HE WAS ALSO AN EXCELLENT ANGLER AND TENNIS PLAYER.





# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Revamped OPEC production policy will help push prices up

## GCC oil ministers to discuss quota discipline

THE six oil ministers of the Gulf Co-operation Council nations, four of whom represent key Arab nations in OPEC, will meet on Oct 16 in Riyadh, the Kuwait News Agency reported yesterday.

Officials at GCC headquarters in Riyadh confirmed that the ministers have a routine meeting coming up, but were reluctant to fix a date. Earlier reports had said the meeting would take place on Sept 17-18.

KUNA said production by the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries and restoring quota discipline would be key topics at the GCC talks in advance of an OPEC ministerial session scheduled for Nov 21 in Vienna.

KUNA, quoting unnamed

official oil sources, said the GCC ministers would review and find ways of stabilising the world oil market.

The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the UAE, which are also OPEC members, and Bahrain and Oman, which are not.

**Stands**  
KUNA said the four OPEC members would "co-ordinate stands on a number of issues of concern to OPEC... especially with respect to the future production level of OPEC and the necessity of member states adhering to individual production quotas to guarantee preservation of stability of the official price per barrel of oil on the world market."

Overall OPEC production in August was estimated at 20 million barrels a day, nearly 3.5 million barrels over its self-imposed output ceiling. This has helped depress prices below OPEC's benchmark of \$18 a barrel.

The UAE has refused to accept a quota of 948,000 barrels a day and demanded a 1.5 million-barrel quota. That is about the level of its current production.

Wish  
Kuwait, backed by Saudi Arabia, rejects Venezuela's wish to keep co-ordinate gases — liquids condensed from natural gas during production — out of oil quotas.

The GCC group, along with other OPEC members, hope to settle the issue of production by Iraq and Iran now that their 8-

year-old war has ground to a halt.

Tehran has reportedly rejected proposals that Iran and Iraq be allocated equal production quotas in a bid to curb Iraq's unbridled output of around 2.8 million barrels a day.

Iraq has refused to accept a quota of 1.5 million barrels a day and demanded parity with Iran's 2.3 million-barrel quota.

OPEC secretary-general Suharto recently visited Baghdad and Tehran and indicated that the issue could be solved through a revamped OPEC production policy aimed at pushing up oil prices to around \$18 a barrel.

Subroto has also visited other OPEC states, including Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and

Qatar.

Oil prices tumbled more than 50 cents a barrel to their lowest level in 22 months on Tuesday, reflecting high OPEC production and lack of progress in the ceasefire talks between Iran and Iraq.

Some analysts said prices could drop to \$13.50 this week, and possibly to less than \$10 a barrel before year-end, a level not seen since April 1986.

October crude oil futures fell a steep 55 cents to close at \$14.24 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the lowest price since Oct 30, 1986.

**Prices**

"Before year-end, we could see a repeat of 1986 when prices fell to 9.75 a barrel," said Nauman Barakat, analyst at Shearson Lehman Hutton.

Other analysts were more conservative, saying the fall would be unlikely to take prices below the \$13.50 level.

Barakat said that some of the same elements that pushed prices down in 1986 were present now.

"OPEC members wait to increase production to get a larger share of the market and the major oil companies are not

pushing the organisation to firm prices because refining profit margins are so good," he said.

Prices on cash markets in New York and Houston, where actual barrels are traded, recorded similar moves.

**Production**

"There is too much OPEC production and no progress on peace talks between Iran and Iraq," said Peter Beutel of Elders Futures Inc.

North Sea Brent, the international marker grade, fell 60 cents to a late quote of \$13.50 for October loading.

The price fall puts OPEC even further from its goal of setting an \$18 a barrel benchmark price.

OPEC nations have been producing above their quota levels for most of the year, but fresh evidence that they are keeping their spigots wide open came from the Paris-based International Energy Agency, which estimated OPEC's August output at 19 million barrels a day, up from 18.7 million in July. Demand for OPEC oil, however, is estimated to be only about 18.2 million barrels a day, according to industry analysts.

## World Business Summary

### Jordan won't relent on moneychanger curbs

AMMAN, Sept 7, (Reuters): Jordan's Central Bank said today it would press ahead with curbs on moneychangers aimed at augmenting foreign exchange reserves, despite bitter criticism of the regulations. "We will not go back on our decision... moneychangers have to abide by these rules as of the beginning of next month," Central Bank Governor Hussein Qasem told Reuters. "We have given moneychangers enough time to adjust to the new regulations... we have our own ways to check their adherence and any violation on their part will be dealt with according to the law." The regulations were initially due to take effect one month after they were announced on June 25. The moneychangers, who sent detailed objections to Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifa'i in June, say the measures will hit their business hard, promote a black market and reduce the flow of remittances from nearly 350,000 Jordanians working abroad. The regulations are aimed at curbing the outflow of foreign currency and bolstering the Jordanian dinar. They ban moneychangers from accepting deposits, extending loans, making transfers, issuing cheques abroad, opening accounts overseas and speculating in international equity, metals or commodity markets. Moneychangers may now have foreign currency accounts only at local banks. Unlike the banks, they may buy and sell unlimited quantities of banknotes and need not abide by Central Bank sell rates. They can ask banks at which they hold foreign currency accounts to issue cheques to non-residents, but can only sell banknotes to Jordanian residents. Qasem said he had told central banks in world financial centres and Arab countries that any accounts held or opened by Jordanian moneychangers outside the country were prohibited under the rules. He rejected claims that the regulations would encourage a local black market. "Black markets are only created when there are no other outlets for people to make their money transfers. In this case we still have local banks," said Qasem.

There is little evidence of overheating: economists

## Economies are booming, says IMF

PARIS, Sept 7, (AP): The industrialised economies are booming this year, and governments should be ready to hit the brakes if inflation shows signs of heating up, the International Monetary Fund says.

The outlook, prepared in mid-August, has been distributed to member governments but is not to be made public until later this month. A copy was obtained by the AP-Dow Jones news service.

In its latest semi-annual world economic outlook, the fund, revised its estimate for the growth of industrialised world this year by a full percentage point, although the IMF economists say there is still little evidence of overheating.

The fund's economists now anticipate a real, or inflation-adjusted, growth rate of 3.8 per cent for 1988, compared with the 2.8 per cent increase projected in their April report.

They say the fast pace of the current expansion — at six years old the longest since World War II — is likely to moderate in 1989 to 2.8 per cent, slightly up from their April estimate of 2.6 per cent.

The IMF's figures for 1988 and 1989 are substantially higher than the growth rates of 3 per cent and 2.5 per cent respectively projected by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in June.

Boosted by unexpectedly robust output and demand growth, real Gross National Product (GNP) in the United States is expected to set the pattern for the other industrialised countries with a 3.9 per cent increase in 1988 — the strongest rise since 1984 — following last year's 3.4 per cent growth.

In April, the IMF had projected

real growth rates of 2.9 per cent in both 1987 and 1988 for the United States. The IMF's latest projection of a slowdown in US real GNP growth in 1989 to 2.7 per cent was unchanged from its April estimate.

**Growth**  
The IMF economists said the recent pace of growth of the US economy "cannot be considered sustainable" since potential output growth is only expected to rise at an annual rate of 2.8 per cent through 1992.

The report warned that the recent surge of export demand "has brought the US economy very close to the point at which an acceleration of inflation is a significant danger."

To reduce this risk, the IMF said, "it is essential that the growth of domestic demand in the US be curbed." The fund recommends that the best way would be to cut the budget deficit faster.

Growth in the other major industrialised nations will also be buoyant this year, the IMF said. Japan's real GNP is expected to expand by 5.8 per cent in 1988, slowing to 4.2 per cent in 1989. Both figures are revised sharply upward from the fund's April projections of 4.1 per cent and 3.8 per cent, respectively.

**Steady**

For West Germany, the IMF anticipates a relatively modest real growth rate of 2.3 per cent for 1988, easing to 1.8 per cent in 1989. In April, the IMF projected a steady annual growth rate for Germany of 1.7 per cent between 1987 and 1989.

Britain's real GNP is likely to grow by 3.2 per cent in 1988, slowing to a 2.2 per cent rate in 1989. After a robust 4.0 per cent growth this year, Canada's GNP

will subside to 3.1 per cent in 1989. France should see its growth rate ease to 2.4 per cent in 1989 from a projected 2.9 per cent this year. And in Italy growth is expected to slow to 2.4 per cent in 1989 from 3.0 per cent in 1988.

Growth in the developing countries is projected at 3.6 per cent in 1988, rising to 4.0 per cent in 1989. Both figures were little changed from the IMF's April outlook.

The IMF staff said that in view of the prevailing wage and price moderation, it was not projecting any significant upswing in inflation. They cautioned, however, that there are a number of "warning signals."

**Pressure**  
These include rapidly declining unemployment together with renewed upward pressure on wage settlements, especially in the US, the UK and Canada; increasing rates of capacity utilisation; and a strong rise in non-oil commodity prices.

The IMF believes that consumer prices in the industrial world will rise by 3.2 per cent in 1988, accelerating to 3.5 per cent next year. The US rate of inflation is expected to quicken to 4.5 per cent in 1989 from 4.1 per cent in 1988, while consumer prices in Germany are slated to rise by 1.2 per cent in 1988 and by 2.3 per cent in 1989.

The report said central banks, alerted by these early warning signals, have responded with a cautious tightening of their monetary policies.

"Such a reaction is welcome in that it diminishes the risks of a more substantial and disruptive adjustment later," it observed.

But it cautioned that "further moderate restraint in financial policies may become

appropriate, especially in countries with external deficits, if nominal demand continues to expand rapidly."

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## Mideast sales push in Japan driving oil prices down

TOKYO, Sept 7, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia's offer of volume discounts to Japanese crude oil buyers is likely to spark a renewed sales push by other Middle East Gulf producers and will drive prices even lower, oil experts said today.

Oil prices have already plunged nearly \$6 below the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPEC) official \$18-a-barrel because members of the oil organisation have apparently abandoned any defence of the target price in favour of a fight for market share, they said.

"There is no supportive factor and the expectation that OPEC will do anything is disappearing," said one trader.

Saudi Arabia has told Japanese long-term customers that it will cut its current prices from October and offer volume incentives to encourage them to buy more.

One oil industry source said he

expected the kingdom would offer a further five cents a barrel discount for each additional 10,000 barrels per day (bpd) bought by Japan.

Other Middle East Gulf producers are also trying to increase their sales to Japan and will be forced to cut their prices to remain competitive, oil traders and analysts said.

"We naturally think that if Saudi Arabia changes its pricing formula, Iraq might do the same," said one Japanese refiner. "In any case we will ask them to."

Iran is also trying to boost the volume of oil it sells to Japan but will have to cut its prices to do so, traders said.

Japanese firms are steadily increasing the amount they buy from Kuwait as lower war risk insurance premiums for the Gulf following the Iran-Iraq ceasefire make its prices more attractive.

"It's an effective discount on Kuwaiti oil," said one inter-

national trader, talking about the Saudi Arabian offer. "(Kuwait's) October volumes to Japan are creeping up by around 20,000 BPD a week."

OPEC output has surged mainly as a result of increasing production from the Middle East members.

**Production**

A Reuters survey showed August production hit 20 million BPD, one million BPD up on July, despite a worldwide glut.

The Middle East benchmark crude, from Dubai, traded today at \$11.60 a barrel, compared with its official OPEC price of \$17.42. The price of Britain's North Sea Brent blend crude oil plummeted to \$13.20.

"It's a disaster," said one Japanese trader. "It could be a repeat of 1986." That year, the fight within OPEC for market share took oil prices below \$10.

## Qatar plans new ammonia plant

DOHA, Sept 7, (OPECNA): OPEC member Qatar is planning to build a new ammonia plant at the country's fertilizer complex (QAFCO) soon after gas supplies from its north gasfield become available by early 1991.

QAFCO's deputy director general Abdul Reda Al Rahman told journalists visiting the complex today that feasibility studies for the project had been completed, awaiting the final approval of his company's board and the government.

The plant, at a cost of \$200 million at 1985-86 rate, will have an initial capacity of 1,500 tonnes of ammonia, he said.

Commenting on the pos-

sibility of involving foreign countries as partners with Qatar in the project, he said it was too premature to consider such a question.

He said his company's record as a technically and financially successful venture had encouraged it to consider further expansion.

QAFCO produced 300,000 tonnes of urea per annum when it went into operation in 1973, and later one urea and two ammonia plants were added.

Last year, QAFCO produced 734,000 tonnes of urea and 682,000 tonnes of ammonia.

Improved fertilizer prices and increased demand for ammonia

have led to consideration for further expansion.

A number of foreign companies, including the Norwegian Norsk Hydro, which has a 25 per cent stake in QAFCO, have expressed willingness to take part in the new project.

The QAFCO complex, owned by the Qatar General Petroleum Corporation (75 per cent) and the Norwegian Norsk Hydro (25 per cent) now has a design production capacity of 1,800 tonnes of ammonia and 2,000 tonnes of urea per day.

The company's products are being sold to about 40 countries, with India and China as the main markets.



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ABBEY LIFE	306.0	LASMO	390.0	2ND ALLCE	737/73	103
ADD LTD	134/0	LEGAL+GEN	306/0	600 GROUP	109/10	109
ALDO LYONS	397/0	LOWMRO	248/0	A.AMER TS	355/5	305
ALDOY	208/0	LUCAS IND	526/0	A.B.ELECT	404/0	404
ARGYLE V	168.0	MAGNET	208/0	A.S.H IND	180/18	70
ASDA GP	147/0	MARKS+SP	151/0	B.S. KEIT	75/0	70
BAA	258.0	MAXWELL C	196.0	AAR HUD	263/5	263
BTR	270.0	METAL BOX	218.0	AARONSON	117/11	117
BAT INDS	437.0	MEPC	535.0	ADDISON	33/30	33
BARCLATS	397.0	NILAND BK	396/0	ADMEST	318/31	31
BASS	745/0	NEXT	205/0	ALEX WRK	151/15	151
BEAZER	175.0	NTH FOODS	260.0	ALEXON	365/56	366
BEECHAMS	468/0	P & O FID	559/0	ALLD COLL	122/12	122
BENEFISORD	382/0	P&O	464.0	ALLD IR	262/0	262
BICC PLC	345/0	PEARSON	517.0	ALLD LDH	116/11	116
BLUE ARWR	93.0	PILKINGTON	62.77	ALLD PLNT	56/5	56
BLUE CIRC	435.0	PLESSEY	52.34	ALLIANCE	827/82	827
BOC GP	393/0	POLLY PEC	304.0	AMEC	347/34	347
BOOTS CO	200/0	RACAL	294/2	AMER TST	125/12	125
BPH INDS	265.0	RANK HVIS	367.0	AMERSHAM	607/0	607
BR COMH	225.0	RANK ORG	655.0	ARI HLTHC	251/25	251
BR AIRWAY	153.0	RCKITT+CT	882.0	ANGLIA	168/16	167
BR ANSP	484/4	REDLAND	402/0	ANGLO O/S	50/0	50
BR GAS RG	177/0	REED	405/0	ANSCHER	82/0	82
BR GAS RT	171/0	RYL BK SC	344/0	APPLEYARD	467/0	467
BR LAND	317/0	RMC GRP	445.0	APV PLC	116/11	116
B.P.	238/0	REUTERS	471/0	ASHLET-LA	102/10	102
B.P.PP	142.0	RT2 CORP.	417/0	ATLNTIC QK	494/0	494
BR TELCOM	231.0	ROLLS ROY	128/0	ATTWOODS	274/27	274
BURMAN OL	516.0	ROTHMAN B	415/0	AUS REE A	269/26	269
BURTON	189/0	ROMTREE		AUTO SECS	242/24	242
CABLE&WTR	371.0	ROYAL INS	380.0	AVDEL PLC	66/0	66
CADBURYS	49.65	SATCHI	338/0	AVIS EUR	342/34	342
COATS VTY	211/0	SAINSBURY	300/0	AVON RUBB	71/71	71
COMI UNIT	334/0	SCOT+HEN	361/0	B.WEJMIIL	172/17	172
COONS GOLD	025/0	SEARS	128.0	BAILL JAP	458/46	458
COOKSONS	252.0	SEARCS	228/0	BAILL SHI	78/0	8
COURTAULD	311.0	SHELL	974/0	BAIRO (W)	249/24	249
DALGETY	316/0	SIEBE	372.0	BANK IRE	235/23	235
DEE CP	168/0	SLOUGH ES	304.0	BANKER IT	70/4	7
EOXONS	153/0	STD.CHART	255.0	BARKER DO	139/14	139
ENG CHINA	455.0	STC	194/0	BARRT OEV	174/17	174
ENTER OIL	445/0	STORENHE	958.0	BATNES C	306/0	306
FKI BABCK	125/0	SUN ALLIA	224.0	BBA GROUP	15/0	15
FERRANTI	86/0	TARMAC	820/0	BEAR S.WT	9/4	
GEN ACCID	884/0	TATELEYE	618.0	BEAR BRND	9/4	
GEN ELEC	56.34	TTLR WOOD		BEATTIE J	137/13	137
GLAXO	973/0	TESCO	99.0	BEJAM GP	157/0	157
GRAMADA	87.71	T+N	177/0	BELHAVEN	53/0	53
GLOBE	141/0	TRUSTHE	234/0	BELLWAT	233/0	233
GLYNED	291.0	ULTRAMAR	243.0	BENROSE	212/21	212
GRAND MET	493/0	UNILEVER	450/0	BENLOX ND	70/0	7
GRAND RYL	175/0	UNIGATE	261.0	BENKELEY	287/0	287
GKN	317/0	UTO BISC	265/0	BHAM MINT	404/0	404
GUTHNESS	317.0	UTO WAPSR	385.0	BHS GROUP	9/0	9
HAWESON A	422.0	MELLCOME	484/0	CK OF SMO	352/35	352
HAWSON C	620.0	WHTRD IN	276/0	BLK LE 2	14/4	1
HAWSON SID	142.0	WILLIAMS	267/0	BHMETT F	38/0	3
HELDSDOIN	512/0	WILLIS FB	240/0	BOASE MAS	226/22	226
ICT	265/0	WHIPCY E	238.0	BOODINGHT	142/14	142

	INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-GR	PREV-
FT 300 ORD	1619.5	1426.5	1420.5	1483.2	1373.5
FT 500 SHR	1003.6	1003.6	1000.6	1052.0	957.6
FT ALL SHR	918.62	918.62	915.69	963.01	870.22
FT GVO SEC	86.79	86.83	86.50	87.92	88.49
FT GOLD MN	182.3	184.1	186.9	207.2	302.1
FT MINES F	505.26	505.26	511.95	517.46	450.6
FT OIL	1736.2	1736.2	1742.4	1834.0	16636
FT WLD DLR	121.22	121.22	121.22	126.05	115.0
FT WLO STG	106.76	106.76	106.76	109.51	90.79
FT GAO LOC	112.34	112.34	112.34	115.44	99.08

U.K. STOCKS EASIER BUT ABOVE LOWS IN LATE TRADE  
LONDON, SEPT. 7, REUTER - EQUITY PRICES WERE MOSTLY EASIER IN  
TWIN LATE TRADE BUT ABOVE THE DAY'S LOWS AS A MODEST OPENING  
RALLY IN WALL STREET HELPED THE MARKET CLAW BACK SOME OF THE  
EARLY LOSS.  
DEALERS SAID THE INITIAL FALL THIS MORNING WAS PROMPTED BY  
SELLING INTO THE RALLY WHICH BEGAN LAST FRIDAY AND THIS GATHERED  
PACE WHEN A RAPIDLY SLIDING CRUDE PRICE LED OIL SHARES LOWER.  
HOWEVER, A PARTIAL RECOVERY IN OIL PRICES THIS AFTERNOON,  
COUPLED WITH A BATCH OF GOOD COMPANY RESULTS EARLIER, HELPED  
UNDERPIN THE MARKET. AT 1517 GMT, THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS  
9.5 POINTS LOWER AT 1,758.5 AFTER HITTING A LOW OF 1750.3.  
DEALERS BELIEVE TODAY'S LACKLUSTRE TRADING MAY BECOME A  
SHORT-TERM PATTERN, WITH THE MARKET STAYING MIGHT CAUTIOUS AS  
IT WAITS FOR AUGUST'S BRITISH ECONOMIC STATISTICS TO REVEAL THE  
EFFECT, IF ANY, OF THE RECENT RISES IN INTEREST RATES.  
THE BALANCE OF THE WEEK'S TRADING DATA ON SEPTEMBER 27 IS  
LIKELY TO HAVE THE LARGEST IMPACT.  
"I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING STIRRING UNTIL THE U.K. INSTITUTIONS  
DECIDE TO RETURN TO THE MARKET AND I HAVE A NASTY FEELING THAT  
MAY NOT BE FOR SOME TIME," ONE DEALER SAID. HE ESTIMATED THAT  
THE INSTITUTIONS HAVE QUADRUPLED THEIR CASH HOLDINGS OVER THE  
LAST YEAR AND NOW SHOW AN AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO OF 15 PCT.

LONDON, SEPT 7 REUTER - GOLD BULLION CLOSED ON THE SESSION LOW OF 426.00/426.50 DOLLARS PER OUNCE IN LIGHT ACTIVITY WITH DEALERS WATCHING SHORT-TERM MOVEMENTS IN CRUDE OIL PRICES FOR DIRECTION.

THE CLOSING GOLD PRICE WAS DOWN 2.30 DOLLARS FROM YESTERDAY'S CLOSE, BUT STILL ABOVE THE RECENT TECHNICAL SUPPORT LEVEL OF 425 DOLLARS.

THE MARKET SEEMED TO TAKE ITS CUE FROM CRUDE OIL PRICES WHICH WERE UNSTABLE THROUGH THE DAY. CRUDE PRICES RECOVERED SLIGHTLY IN LATE AFTERNOON IN LINE WITH A SLIGHT RECOVERY IN OIL MARKETS, BUT PRESSURE REAPPEARED ON ENERGY FUTURES IN NEW YORK.

LONDON, SEPT 7, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES WERE SLIGHTLY FIRMER ON THE DAY AT THE LONGER END OF THE INTERBANK MARKET AFTER AN EASIER OPENING.

ONE DEALER AT A U.K. CLEARING BANK SAID, "THE MAIN QUESTION TODAY IS WHY THE RATES WERE SOFTER AT THE START OF TRADING. BASICALLY THEY'VE JUST GONE BACK TO WHERE THEY SHOULD BE."

IN RATE TRADING, BENCHMARK THREE MONTH INTERBANK MONEY WAS QUOTED NET UNCHANGED AT 12-3/16 1/16 PERCENT AFTER STARTING THE DAY AT 12-1/4 1/16 PERCENT. LONGER DATES, SIX MONTHS STOOD AT 12-1/4 3/16 PERCENT AFTER 12-1/16 11-15/16 AT THE OPENING AND 12-3/16 1/16 RATE YESTERDAY.

OLR	STG	DMK	FFR	
OLR -----	1.7040/50	1.840/50	6.2780	FIX
STG -----	1.7055/55	3.1405/40	10.6905/7035	NOON
DMK -----	1.8377/BA57	3.135/149	29.28/44	
FFR -----	6.269/281	10.6935/7115	34.300/950	
SFR -----	1.5535/5245	2.6495/6528	84.34/44	26.76/79
NFL -----	2.0800	3.5495	112.88	33.15
ECU -----	1.12398	.659035	2.07184	7.05413
SOR -----	2.96689	0.763011	2.40002	8.155419
YEN -----	133.82/92	228.23/54		

BOOT HENR	383/0	383/0	HESTAR	315/0	315/0
BORTHWICK	55/0	55/0	HEXOD V	268/0	268/0
BR ARROW	105/0	105/0	HICKMAN IN	213/0	213/0
BR ARRETS	65/0	65/0	HIGGS MIL	347/0	347/0
BR DREGI	137/0	137/0	HINCHOTT TS	75/0	75/0
BR LIT	227/0	226/0	HINARD POP	222/0	222/0
BRENT CHE	143/0	143/0	HINTE SPHR	175/0	175/0
BRENT MCR	370/0	371/0	HOGG GARD	150/0	151/0
BRIDSON	154/0	154/0	HOLMES PR	102/0	102/0
BRITAIN SE	178/0	180/0	HOLDEN GP	112/0	113/0
BRITANNIC	335/0	337/0	HOPKINSON	98/0	98/0
BRIXTON E	320/0	321/0	HTV GROUP	220/0	225/0
BRSTANT GP	129/0	129/0	ICE, FZ PL	343/0	343/0
BSR INTL	59/0	59/0	INTE H.V.O	361/0	362/0
BSR INTL	64/0	64/0	INPHODI M	12/0	12/0
BULLINGTON	438/0	438/0	INTO CH	120/0	120/0
BUNNELL W	161/0	161/0	INT CITY	121/0	122/0
CALEDONIA	350/0	350/0	INVERHARD	280/0	
CALOR GRP	349/0	350/0	JUNISFMR	40/0	40/0
CAMB ELEC	236/0	236/0	JOS HLDGS	165/0	165/0
CANFORD E	185/0	186/0	KALAHAND	49/0	49/0
CANNING W	213/0	213/0	KALOM GRP	36/0	36/0
CANNON ST	279/0	278/0	KELT ENGY	41/0	42/0
CAP GROUP	298/0	297/0	KETSON	77/0	79/0
CAP, RADIO	324/0	325/0	KLURT O'S	126/0	124/0
CARADON	328/0	327/0	KNAK SAVE	330/0	330/0
CARLCO EN	144/0	144/0	KNIK-FIT	103/0	104/0
CARLTON C	695/0	698/0	LAINC 'AR	291/0	291/0
CASE GRP	123/0	125/0	LAINC OAD	291/0	291/0
CATER ALL	349/0	348/0	LAINC PRP	475/0	475/0
CATTLE HD	64/0	64/0	LAINC GRP	250/0	255/0
CENTRAL TV	101/0	101/0	LAKEVIEW	135/0	135/0
CENTR. ITV	527/0	523/0	LAUNRICE W	143/0	143/0
CHAM PHRR	147/0	146/0	LOM & MAN	283/0	282/0
CHARTERNA	22/0	22/0	LOM & MET	149/0	148/0
CHAS CHUR	105/0	105/0	LOM INTL	233/0	233/0
CHLORIDE	54/0	54/0	LOM SHOP	232/0	232/0
CHRISTIES	510/0	511/0	LOM STD	158/0	160/0
CIG GROUP	44/0	45/0	LOW&NEDIN	127/0	127/0
CNTRL SEC	54/0	54/0	LEX SERVC	375/0	374/0
CNTRY OIL	178/0	179/0	LIFE SCIE	54/0	54/0
COATES BR	320/0	320/0	LILLET FJ	50/0	50/0
COLLINS A	433/0	438/0	LIT	26/0	26/0
COLLINS W	533/0	543/0	LOCAL	463/0	463/0
CORSH NIC	194/0	193/0	LOGICA	344/0	344/0
CREH	135/0	136/0	LOW (NM)	620/0	620/0
CRODA INT	196/0	197/0	LOWBOMER	204/0	205/0
CRODA INT	191/0	190/0	LOWMDES	75/0	76/0
CTRY PROP	261/0	259/0	M&G GROUP	362/0	362/0
CTRY PROP	261/0	259/0	M.C. PACIF	168/0	163/0
QUEST RES	72/0	72/0	M&G GROUP	220/0	220/0
DAVIS GD	158/0		MARSHALLS	233/0	233/0
DAVY CORP	143/0	145/0	MATTHEWS	74/0	73/0
DE LA RUE	486/0	488/0	MAUNDERS	100/0	101/0
DELTA GRP	294/0	295/0	MCKENHIE	305/0	305/0
DEVENISH	315/0	315/0	MEMEC	230/0	223/0
DIPLOMA	210/0	211/0	MEHIZES	310/0	307/0
DORSON PK	94/0	94/0	MERCH. TST	146/0	146/0
DOUGLAS R	276/0	276/0	MERLIN IN	104/0	103/0
DOUGNEM	54/0	55/0	METAL CLS	189/0	190/0
DOUMTY GRP	209/0	210/0	METALRAX	85/0	86/0
DRAWTON C	451/0	450/0	MEYER INT	388/0	388/0
ENCS	455/0	455/0	HIDSUMMER	425/0	426/0
ENDOKUNS N	76/0	76/0	ML HDGSS	123/0	123/0
ENDUMDEE L	290/0	291/0	MNT CLT	134/0	135/0
ENDUMHILL	212/0	212/0	MOLINS OR	232/0	231/0
EAGLE TST	14/0	13/0	MONKS IT	206/0	207/0
EDIN I.T	149/0	149/0			

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FST BOSTON	43/6	43/4	MEREDITH	30/1	29/7	SCC ATLANTA	12/1	12/1
FST CHICAGO	33/1	32/7	MERRILL LY	26/0	25/6	SCOTT PRR	36/3	36/3
FST INTERS	51/5	51/3	MESA OFFSH	1/4	1/5	SCOTTYS	13/1	13/1
GAF CORP	49/1	49/0	MOBIL OIL	42/4	42/6	SE BANK CO	25/4	25/4
GANNETT CO	33/3	32/7	MOISANTO	86/0	85/6	SEAGRAN CO	54/1	53/1
GALVESTON	1/3	1/4	MONTANA PO	35/5	35/3	SEAGULL EN	0	13/2
GATX CORP	46/7	46/6	MORGAN JP	37/5	37/2	SEALED AIR	41/2	41/1
GCA CP	0	5/2	MORT THIO	38/0	38/0	SEARS ROE	36/4	36/4
GEARHART	10	10	MOTOROLA	42/2	41/7	SERV CORP	17/5	17/1
GEN DATA	3/4	3/4	MORSE-MCLEN	55/4	55/1	SA STEC INC	20/0	20/0
GEN DYNMCS	51/2	51/3	MURPHY OIL	31/5	31/5	SUNBEL	22/7	22/7
GEN ELECT	41/5	41/3	NAT INTERG	17/2	17/2	SHELL TRAM	63/4	63/4
GEN HOST	9/7	9/7	NBI CORP	5/3	5/3	SHER PLOU	54/0	53/1
GEN INSUR	8/1	8/1	NOR CORP	57/3	57/1	SMITH INTL	8/7	8/7
GEN INSTR	31/2	31/2	NOW ENCO EL	23/6	23/6	SMITHK BEC	47/1	46/0
GEN MILLS	51/0	50/4	NOW PEA RE	14/7	14/7	SNAP ON TL	35/2	35/1
GEN MOTORS	74/4	74/1	NEWELL CO	23/0	22/7	SOURCE CAP	37/4	37/1
GEN SIGNAL	47/2	47/0	NEWUMT NY	36/0	35/7	SOUTHERN	20/6	20/6
GENCORP	21/2	21/5	NEWUMT GLO	36/5	36/2	SPAIN FUND	9/7	9/1
GENETECH	19/3	19/4	NI MOGA-10	0	59/6	SPERRY	12/0	12/1
Genuine PA	35/7	35/5	NI MONT-72	0	75/2	SQUARE O	47/6	47/1
GEO P47-80	0	76/0	NICOLET IN	11/7	11/5	SQUIBB		
GEORGI-PAC	38/6	38/5	NICOR INC	31/4	31/2	STONE CONT	35/3	35/1
GIBR FI CL	3/2	3/2	HL INDS	6/4	6/4	SUN CO	58/4	58/4
GLOBAL MAR	11	12	MOBILE AFF	13/1	13/1	SUNSTRAND	48/0	47/1
GOLDEN HUG	12/0	12/0	NORD RESOU	9/5	9/5	SUNSH INC	3/6	3/1
GODRICH	54/4	54/2	NORTHOROP	30/0	30/0	SUPER VAL	25/0	22/1
GOODYEAR	60/6	60/1	NORTON	50/6	50/4	SOUTHWEST	21/2	21/1
GOLD INC	24/2	22/5	NOVO IND	36/0	35/6	SV GAS	17/4	17/1
GRACE WR	24/7	24/7	NUCOR CORP	44/3	44/2	SW BELT	38/5	38/1
GRAINGER	55/2	55/0	OAK INDS	1/0	1/0	TANDY CORP	70/7	70/5
GREYHOUND	31/4	31/5	OCC PETRCP	25/7	25/7	TDK	40/7	40/1
GRUMMAN	22/2	22/1	OCEAN ORIL	15/1	15/0	TECO ENERG	23/1	22/1
GULF RES-C	13/4	13/4	OGDEN CORP	28/5	28/4	TEKTRONIX	22/1	22/1
GULF-WESTH	41/5	41/2	ON ED CO	18/4	18/2	TELETYPE	32/10	32/10
HALLIBURTH	26/1	26/3	ONIO HATT	12/5	12/5	TELEX CORP	0	47/1
HALLIWOLD	15/0	15/2	ORION	47/1	46/7	TERADYNE	15/1	15/1
HARNA RTH	30/0	30/1	OWENS-CORE	8/0	8/0	TESORO PET	11/1	11/1
HARRIS CP	27/2	27/1	PAISON PICT	14/3	14/3	TEX AMER S	12	12
HAWTHORN	25/2	25/2	PAINE WEB	17/4	17/3	TEX EAS B	26/1	26/1
HEINZ NJ	45/0	44/4	PAN AM	2/5	2/4	TEXACO	46/2	46/1
HEL CORP	37/1	36/6	PANHANDLE	25/1	25/1	TEXAS IND	34/0	33/1
HEIL-PATNE	21/7	21/4	PARK ELECT	18/0	17/7	TEXAS-INST	40/0	39/1
HERCULES	45/6	45/4	PARKER DRI	4/4	4/3	TEKTRON	25/5	25/5
HEUL-PACK	47/6	47/3	PARKER MAN	28/7	28/5	TIONNEO	21/7	21/1
HEXCEL CP	34/4	34/0	PARKPET PET	3/7	3/7	TOPLASTER	6/5	6/1
HILLBURNDR	29/1	29/2	PAYLESS CSH	26/6	26/5	TIGER INT	11/1	10/1
HILLBURNDR	35/3	35/5	PULLMAN CO	9/1	9/0	TIMKEN	30/1	30/1
HILTN HTLS	44/7	44/6	PC INDS-96	0	89/4	TORCHMARK	31/6	31/1
HITACHI	124/6	123/6	PENN CENTR	22/2	22			

	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,069.35	+ 4.09	2,078.41	2,066.86
TRANS	869.03	- 0.15	876.64	868.73
UTILS	180.83	+ 0.29	181.54	180.48
STOCKS	776.11	+ 1.02	780.20	775.28
NYSE COMP	150.60	+ .40		
S-P COMPOSITE	266.27	+ 0.68		
NYSE INDS	181.04	+ 0.37		
AMEX INDEX	296.63	+ 0.04		
NASD COMP	377.97	+ 0.64		
NASD BANKING	453.06	+ 1.20		
NASD FIN'L	464.48	+ 1.28		
NASD INDS	379.37	- 0.15		
S-P 100 INDEX	252.48	+ 0.36		

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME				AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
LILCO	12 3/4	+	1/4	AMDAHL CP	18 5/8	+	1
EXXON	46 3/4	-	1/4	TEXAS AIR	12 3/4	+	1/8
GEN ELEC	41 1/2	+	1/4	LORINAR TE	13 7/8	+	3/8
GOULD INC	22 1/2	-	1/8	WANG LAB B	9	-	UNCH
AMER EXPR	29 3/4	+	1/4	NY TIMES A	26 1/2	-	1/8
PHILIP MOR	95 1/4	+	5/8	ECHO BAY I	17	-	UNCH
SMITHKLINE	47 3/4	+	7/8	HASSBRO INC	15 7/8	+	1/8
CITICORP	24 3/4	+	1/4	QAMSON OIL	1/16	-	UNCH
WASTE MAN	38 7/8	-	UNCH	COPLEY PRG	18 1/4	-	1/8
ATL RICH	80 1/4	-	1	IVAX CORP	14 1/8	+	1/4
NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE				AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			
FRUEHAUF 8	6	+	1/2	ALPINE NEA	2 5/8	+	1/4
ENERGY AIR	4 3/4	+	3/8	LOJACK DOR	4 3/4	+	5/16
BEVERLY EN	6 1/2	+	1/2	PRD CEA	2 1/8	+	1/8
CONTL INFO	3 3/4	-	1/4	PEERLESS	6 1/4	-	5/8
HORIZON	2 1/4	-	1/8	BIOTHERAP	3 7/8	-	3/4
NYSE VOLUME 52,426,600				AMEX VOLUME 2,808,200			
STOCKS UP 650				STOCKS UP 181			
STOCKS DOWN 396				STOCKS DOWN 168			
6-SEP NASDAQ VOLUME 86,986,900							
STOCKS UP .951 DOWN .004							

New York, Sept 7. (Reuters) Wall Street stocks edged higher again after giving up much of their early gains. Prudential's stock market watcher Larry Wachtel said the shifting of direction was constructive for future gains though he said low volume showed a lack of conviction in the market.

The Dow was up six at 2069 and has ranged between 2066 and 2079. Gaining interest declines three-to-10. Wachtel said that economic reports do not support worries that inflation will cause the Federal Reserve to tighten credit and push interest rates higher. "The next durable goods orders report is the only problem in sight, and that's uncertain," he said.

THE GROUNDWATER RESOURCES OF THE SAN JOSE AREA

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-QAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	311.0	311.1	306.2	259.3
AUSTRIA	221.8	222.6	222.7	215.4
BELGIUM	331.9	331.8	378.3	260.2
CANADA	357.9	357.2	356.1	350.7
DENMARK	428.6	426.2	423.5	336.6
FRANCE	361.0	361.1	360.0	288.5
GERMANY	183.6	182.9	179.9	156.6
HONG KONG	1844.2	1852.0	1809.5	1644.3
FINLAND	115.0	117.0	117.9	108.1
ITALY	410.7	407.8	407.0	377.4
JAPAN	1244.7	1245.1	1232.4	1022.3
NETHERLANDS	255.7	255.3	253.2	215.9
NEW ZEAL	97.2	96.4	96.6	98.9
NORWAY	460.1	459.5	460.6	392.4
SPORE	599.4	601.4	596.3	473.1
SPAIN	251.5	250.7	248.2	209.5
SWEDEN	917.6	912.3	907.8	856.8
SWITZ	157.1	157.3	156.2	140.7
U.K.	535.7	533.8	527.6	515.7
U.S.-A.	245.0	243.9	243.9	229.4
WORLD	433.1	431.0	427.1	406.8
WORLD F	245.1	239.7	238.2	208.0

## THE BANGLIJI Offshore Fund

**\* Maximize your returns \* Invest in foreign currencies for higher interest \* Protect your assets against exchange rate fluctuations.**

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## UK stocks easier but above lows

## Dollar unsettled on yen confidence

LONDON, Sept 7, (Reuters): The dollar was unsettled today when investors switched funds into yen after Bank of Japan Governor Satoshi Sumita said the Central Bank might come to the aid of the Japanese currency if it fell substantially.

Lower oil prices and a rise in short-term Japanese bank interest rates helped the yen higher, dealers said.

Sumita said however that the bank was not considering an increase in its key discount rate.

On glutted oil spot markets, crude prices dipped to be quoted below \$13 a barrel for immediate delivery for the first time since October, 1986, but they recovered to around \$13.15 by late afternoon.

## Thin

Volume was thin on currency markets as dealers awaited Friday's US producer prices for fresh signals about whether inflationary pressures are subsiding in America.

"Dollar sentiment is looking a little soft," said one dealer with a major British bank.

The dollar closed in London at 1.8465 marks, above the day's low in Europe of 1.8400 and Tuesday's finish of 1.8420 marks. But it weakened against the yen, ending at 133.75 yen compared with Tuesday's close

of 135.30.

The mark looked stronger against other European currencies.

It was fixed at a record high against the Italian lira in Frankfurt and at a six-month high against the French franc. Dealers cited positive West German growth data this week and the prospect that the country's trade surplus might rise.

Business was thin on European bourses.

The Dow Jones industrial average, however, had lost its gains to trade at 2,060.81 by midday, down 4.45 on Tuesday's close. Prudential Bache market analyst Larry Wachtel said low volume showed a lack of conviction among players.

In Frankfurt and Paris, shares ended higher while in Zurich and Milan the bourse indices ended largely unchanged.

Earlier in Asia, shares had risen on the important Tokyo market with the Nikkei Average up 183.30 points at 27,504.01 and in Hong Kong, but not in Sydney.

In London, gold bullion edged up 25 cents per ounce from its morning setting, being fixed at \$427.25 in the afternoon.

In London, equity prices were mostly easier in thin late trade but above the day's lows as a modest opening rally on Wall

Street helped the market claw back some of the early loss.

Dealers said the initial fall this morning was prompted by selling into the rally which began last Friday and this gathered pace when a rapidly sliding crude price led oil shares lower.

However, a partial recovery in oil prices this afternoon, coupled with a batch of good company results earlier, helped underpin the market. At 1517 GMT, the FTSE 100 share index was 9.5 points lower at 1,758.5 after hitting a low of 1,750.3.

## Money

Dealers believe today's lacklustre trading may become a short-term pattern, with the market staying highly cautious as it waits for August's British economic statistics to reveal the effect, if any, of the recent rises in interest rates.

The August balance of payments data on Sept 27 is likely to have the largest impact.

"I can't see anything stirring until the UK institutions decide to return to the market and I have a nasty feeling that may not be for some time," one dealer said. He estimated that the institutions have quadrupled their cash holdings over the last year and now show an average liquidity ratio of 15 per cent.

Dealers point out that the

FTSE 100 would have to fall 150 points to around 1,600 before equities provided even a six per cent yield. That is half of what the institutions can get on their cash if they put it in the money market.

"Why should the institutions put their money in a precarious stock market when they can get a higher return from sticking it in a building society?" asked one dealer.

## Prices

Dealers now see the market continuing to drift unless a major swing on Wall Street or a couple of really large bids emerge to break the lethargy.

Crude oil prices had slid around \$1 since last Friday on fears of OPEC over-production and reports that Saudi Arabia will offer lower prices and volume incentives to Japanese customers.

## Rise

Although crude prices recovered this afternoon, there is growing speculation that the major OPEC members will abandon all defence of their official \$18-a-barrel price and enter a price war, dealers said.

Among the oil producers, BP dropped 7p to 239, Shell shed 16p to 976 and Enterprise lost 15p to 444. BP partly-paid, 4p off at 142, were the most active shares with 7.5 million traded.

Dealers said some good company results and continuing speculative interest kept the construction sector lively.

Costain ended 13p higher after reporting a 41 per cent rise in first-half pre-tax profit to £29.5 million. Recent market speculation on the possible bid intentions of P and O towards Taylor Woodrow is prompting interest in Trafalgar House's 6.1 per cent stake in Costain. Woodrow ended 6p to 625.

Wimpey ended 6p weaker at 239 after reporting a 60 per cent leap in first-half pre-tax profit to £40.7 million. Cement to property group Blue Circle also reported half-year profits at the top of expectations and it ended 1p off at 435.

## Down

Tobacco to insurance group BAT was down 1p at 436 after reporting half-year pre-tax profits of £711 million, compared with 642 million last year, roughly in the middle of forecasts. Sun Alliance rose 14p to 959 in reaction to a 75 per cent leap in half-year profits to £182.3 million — well above expectations.

Among others reporting, BICC added 5p to 345 and Hillsdown ended 5p to 268, in common with Legal and General at 305.

## Benson and Hedges Management Challenge

## Ernst and Whinney team wins title

By Jadranka Porter

THE Ernst and Whinney team yesterday won the Kuwait title in the Benson and Hedges Management Challenge.

The team will compete in November's grand final in Penang, Malaysia.

The Al Mulla Group of Companies came second in what was a very close competition.

Six teams competed, but it was the entrepreneurial skills that set the winners, Craig Ross, Ivan da Silva and Deepak Khullar, apart from other teams.

They raised the value of the computer-simulated company by calculated risks, but it was their spirit of enterprise that the organisers appreciated.

Ernst and Whinney is an accounting firm.

## Contest

The Benson and Hedges Management Challenge, now in its fifth year, is a Gulf-wide contest in management skills.

There were only five Kuwaitis among 18 contestants.

"They were all weeded out in the first round which was a paper and pencil test. We would like to see more Gulf nationals take part in the contest," said Bob Thomas of Ashridge Management College in England who ran the final.

## Simulation

Jeremy Hall of Hall Marketing from England, who wrote the software for the contest noted that the response to the competition and the quality of entrants has been increasing over the years.

The contest is run in three stages.

In the first stage the contestants are presented with a management problem in a case study and have to answer multiple-



The Ernst and Whinney team (from right) Craig Ross, Deepak Khullar and Ivan da Silva, will represent Kuwait in the Grand Final in Malaysia

## choice questions.

At the second stage, the country finals, the teams are expected to manage a computer simulation of a real business.

They make a set of decisions on marketing, production, pricing and finance and then assess the effect on the market place.

"They are expected to make a set of decisions used to define how they hope the company will perform in the next year," said Hall.

The result is differing trading performances — some operate with high volume and low profit, and others have a very good

return on capital but are small and weak in other ways, said Thomas.

Eight Gulf teams will compete at the Grand Final stage in Malaysia. The teams will again perform a business simulation exercise, but the problems will be replicas of situations the contestants face in the Gulf. The exercise will enable contestants to simulate managing a business for about three years.

Teams who are capable of sophisticated financial analysis, who rely on market research and can anticipate the behaviour of competitors will come out on

## top, said Thomas.

"The competition aims to find and reward the best management team among the GCC nations," Thomas said. "It combines learning, team building and fun."

Tony Little of Benson and Hedges said the contest aims to contribute to the developing business scene in the Gulf states.

The winners of the Grand Final will each receive a \$10,000 portfolio of gold shares, as well as a management Challenge Gold Medal, minted 22 carat gold by Sink and Co. of London. All grand finalists will receive a gold medal.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Sept 7, (Reuters): The market retreated to close lower in featureless trading as leading stocks fell. It took no lead from a market advance in Japan as bearish sentiment persisted. The All Ordinaries index fell 7.1 to 1,560.

TOKYO: Share prices climbed all day to end on highs after optimism sparked by overnight Wall Street gains and a stronger yen. The Nikkei index rose 183.5 to 27,504.01.

HONG KONG: Prices ended higher following rises in Wall Street and Tokyo. The Hang Seng rose 23.14 to 2,525.14.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed marginally lower with a lack of buying interest and some profit-taking. The Straits Times industrial index fell 0.67 to 1,061.61.

BOMBAY: Prices moved up after the previous day's mild setback as state-owned financial institutions led buyers back. Cement prices were especially strong on rumours of rises in the controlled price.

FRANKFURT: Shares closed firmer across the board, with cars stocks gaining considerably. But turnover was low. The Dax index rose 5.98 to 1,185.74.

ZURICH: Prices closed little changed in quiet trading as investors waited for new impulses. The Swiss index rose 0.8 to 884.5.

PARIS: Prices staged a late rally to end the continuous session firmer in buoyant trading, spurred by Wall Street's strong opening and a string of good French corporate results.

LONDON: Prices were mostly easier in thin late trading but above the day's lows as a modest opening rally on Wall Street helped the market claw back some of the early loss.

NEW YORK: Stocks edged higher again in mid-morning after giving up much of their early gains. The Dow was up six at 2,069.

## Chamber president calls a turning point in US economic history

## New trade law could trigger retaliation against exports

WASHINGTON, Sept 7, (AP): With a new US trade law finally in effect, American businesses are mobilising to seize the opportunities it offers. But some economists are still fretting that even in its water-down form, the measure could spark harmful retaliation against US exports.

The three-year battle to get the 1,000-page bill through Congress marks only the beginning of a bigger fight to make sure that the law is fully utilised, supporters contend.

The US Chamber of Commerce, a business group, has prepared a detailed guide to acquaint business leaders with a law that chamber president Richard Leshner calls a "turning point in US economic history." The law, which went into effect on Aug 23, substantially reduces US bureaucratic procedures for companies that want to sell products abroad and offers new support to US businessmen who feel foreign markets are discriminating against their goods.

## Myths

The chamber's guide also seeks to explode what the business group believes are myths about the legislation.

"There has been an enormous amount of misunderstanding about what this trade bill is," said William T. Archey, the chamber's top trade expert. He blamed this on the fact that the legislation took three years to emerge from Congress, with much of the early attention focused on

heavily protectionist provisions that were jettisoned from the final product.

"I think those who would argue that it is protectionist should be required to read it first," Archey said.

But private economists still worry about provisions that will make it easier for the United States to impose import curbs in retaliation for alleged unfair trading practices by other nations. They contend that this could prompt other countries to retaliate by raising barriers against US products.

## Reaction

They note that reaction has been overwhelmingly negative from both the Far East and Europe.

"We have made a lot of people overseas mad and there is always the risk that they will react negatively to pressure we are applying to get them to open up their markets," said David Wyss, of Data Resources Inc., a US economic forecasting firm.

Since the legislation gives the President a large amount of leeway in deciding whether to retaliate, both presidential candidates are being watched carefully for clues on how they would handle the new law.

"The law by itself is not going to solve the trade problem. But it provides the tools to an executive who wants to address the problem forcefully," said Mark Anderson, an economist with the AFL-CIO, the nation's largest

trade union organisation.

Anderson said that Vice-President George Bush would likely continue the free-trade emphasis of the Reagan years, while Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis has pledged a more forceful attack on the country's huge trade deficits. The AFL-CIO has endorsed Dukakis.

Other economists agreed that Dukakis would be more activist on trade matters than Bush, but they said that even a Democratic administration would not use the full powers of the legislation for fear of retaliation.

"Both of these candidates are basically internationalists. Dukakis would be tougher than Bush, but I don't think the risk of a trade war is that great because I don't think Dukakis is going to push the bill to its limit," Wyss said.

## Intention

The first sign of the new administration's intention is likely to come next April when the legislation requires the US trade representative, an appointee of the President, to produce a list of targeted countries along with a plan for negotiations aimed at removing trade barriers.

Countries with large surpluses such as Japan, West Germany and Korea are likely candidates to be on the list. Long before then, however, the trade law should have a

positive impact on exports of such high-technology equipment as computers. The law substantially reduces licensing requirements for these exports.

While the original rules were designed to prevent defence-related equipment from falling into the hands of the Soviet Union or its allies, supporters of the change contended that American businesses were losing \$9.3 billion annually in sales because of unnecessary licensing requirements. The change is

expected to eliminate the need for more than 25,000 export licences a year on products deemed to be of little use militarily.

## Provision

The Chamber of Commerce and many other business groups opposed the trade bill as it was first passed by Congress, objecting to a provision tacked on to the measure that would have required US companies to give their American workers advance notice of layoffs.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

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## Oil prices approach 2-year lows on over-supplied markets

LONDON, Sept 7, (Reuters): Oil prices depressed by excess supplies, neared two-year lows in Europe today, reviving memories of the 1986 spot market crash when crude fell to \$9 a barrel.

Britain's Brent blend, the most widely traded crude internationally, was quoted just under \$13 a barrel for immediate delivery for the first time since October, 1986. That was about \$1.50 down on prices a week ago.

## Lower

A key factor weighing the market down was soaring output among members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). A Reuters survey showed the 13-nation group pumped 20 million barrels per day (BPD) in August, one million more than in July.

"Supply and demand fundamentals dictate that the price should be lower than it is now," said Peter Nicol, oil analyst at Chase Manhattan Bank in London.

Another London analyst, Geoff Pyne, at stockbrokers Phillips and Drew, agreed. "Prices have further to go, maybe one or two dollars per barrel. I can't see a reason for the market to find support in September," he said.

Crude output from several key non-OPEC producers is also rising, offsetting declines in the United States and other large producers and undercutting OPEC's attempts to lift oil prices this year, according to another Reuters survey.

## Crash

Whether oil markets will see a repetition of the price crash of 1986 remains to be seen. But memories of the crash are starting to flood back.

"It could well be that we will see 1986 over again," one oil trader said.

OPEC production in August was far in excess of demand and is likely to remain so this month, oil analysts said.

"September OPEC output will be around 20 million BPD also," said Phillips and Drew's Pyne. "Demand for OPEC oil will be swamped. To get any support for prices we can only look to market sentiment. This is very negative and there is no reason at the moment for it to be reversed."

## Attention

Oil analysts estimate that demand for OPEC oil is running around 18.5 million BPD, 1.5 million below output, and will remain at that level for the rest of 1988.

Meanwhile, market attention will be focused on the next meeting of OPEC's price monitoring committee. The five-member panel, made up of the oil ministers of Algeria, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, is widely expected to meet this month.

The price committee can call an emergency meeting of all 13 OPEC members if it feels prices have deviated too far from the group's target of \$18 a barrel.

## British record trade deficit reflects incompetence: Kinnock

BOURNEMOUTH, England, Sept 7, (AP): Opposition Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock accused the Conservative government today of incompetence and irresponsibility for allowing Britain to run up a record trade deficit.

Addressing the annual conference of the national labour federation, the Trades Union Congress, Kinnock charged that industry would suffer from interest rate hikes which he said were the government's only tool for controlling inflation and imports.

## Cuts

"The only people who stay ahead of the game in Lawson's economy are those whose incomes are so high and their tax cuts so huge that interest rate increases don't really matter very

much," said Kinnock.

Last spring, Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson slashed the top rate of income tax from 60 per cent to 40 per cent, and lowered the basic rate two points to 25 per cent.

Critics have blamed the tax cuts partly for a surge in consumer spending on imported goods, helping fuel the record trade deficit in July of £2.65 billion (\$4.5 billion).

It meant Britain's overall deficit is certain to soar above the \$4 billion Lawson had forecast for the entire year.

After announcing the July deficit on Aug 28, the government hiked the base rate by one point to a 2-1/2-year high of 12 per cent. It was the eighth increase since early June.

Earlier, Kinnock said it was

"highly unlikely" that the Labour Party would expel the Electricians' Union which on Monday was ousted from the Trades Union Congress for signing single-union, no-strike deals.

## Huge

All 85 unions affiliated to the 9.1-million member TUC also belong to the Labour Party and wield huge power at the party's annual policy-making conference. The unions, which founded the Labour Party at the turn of the century, also continue to fund it.

Expulsion of the Electricians' Union would be seen as undermining Kinnock's aim of moderating the party's image and could lead other unions with right-of-centre leaderships to quit.

## GOVERNMENT TENDERS

## Tender No. R 763/89

Tender's Internal No. 976/88  
Concerned party: Kuwait National Petroleum Co. 27/07/88  
Requirements: Purchase of fire vehicle  
Relevant fee: K.D. 30/-  
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value  
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 18.10.88  
Tender No. M/1988/42  
Tender's Internal No. 117/88  
Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company  
Requirements: Replacement of cooler tower/A & B in cold water lab at Ahmadi  
Relevant fee: K.D. 20/-  
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value  
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 11.10.88

## Qualified tenders:

1. Abdul Aziz Yousuf Al Essa Co.
2. Al Adasani Cong. Est.
3. Ahmed Ghuloum Riza Ashiknani Est.
4. Al Hani Construction & Trdg. Est.
5. Ali Al Ghaioim Est.
6. Al Injaz Cong. & Cong. Co.
7. Al Maqaya Trdg. & Cong. Co.
8. Al Sawari Gen. Trdg. & Cong. Co.
9. Al Mulla & Al Hussaini Wells Digging, Trd. & Ind. Co.
10. Al Yaqza Trdg. & Electrical & Mechanical Cont. Est.
11. Burgan Cong. Co.
12. Consolidated Contractors Co.
13. Al Duaji Engineering Co.
14. El Hoss Engineering & Transport Co.
15. Hmoud Al Khad Est.
16. Al Dar Trdg. & Cong. Co.
17. Khalifa Duaji Al Dabous, Bros & Partners Co. Ltd.
18. Khalifa Al Julaij, Cootg. & Gen. Trdg. Est.
19. Kuwait Kuntet Ltd. Co.
20. Kresnec
21. Kuwait Ship Building & Repair Yard Co.
22. Mechanical & Industrial Services Co.
23. Mechanical Engineering & Cong. Co.
24. Keshwan AlKhaled & Partners Int. Co.
25. Arabian Peninsula Sun Gen. Trdg. Est.
26. Arabian Kuwait Building Co.
27. Kuwait Lah Building & Cong. Co.
28. National Mechanical & Electrical Works Co.

## N.B.:

A pre-tender meeting shall be held at 9:00 am on 18.9.88 in Ahmadi Community Centre to visit the site and discuss the tender's conditions.

## Tender No. PT/12/88

Tender's Internal No. 105/88  
Concerned party: Petrochemical Industries Co.  
Requirements: Cleaning & filling works in export section  
Relevant fee: K.D. 20/-  
Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value  
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 27.9.88

## Qualified Tenders:

1. Al Ahraq Trdg. Co.
2. National Cleaning Co.
3. Wael Al Nusif & Partners Trdg. Co.
4. Tanzifco Est.
5. Kuwaiti Swedish Cleaning Services Co.
6. Adhi Trdg. & Cong. Est.
7. Al Soula Trdg. & Cong. Co.
8. Abdul Aziz Abdul Al Arfaj Co.
9. Danish & Berkeley Cleaning Services Co.
10. Kuwait & Gulf Link Transport Co.
11. Kuwait Pritchard Co.
12. Kuwait National Real Estate Management Co.

## Tender No. MEW/22/41/88/89

Tender's Internal No. 118/88  
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water  
Requirements: Supply of copper materials for water junctions  
Relevant fee: K.D. 20/-  
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value  
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 18.10.88  
Tender No. MEW/22/41/88/89  
Tender's Internal No. 119/88  
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water  
Requirements: digging & filling back of gas channels in different locations at Kuwait  
Relevant fee: K.D. 20/-  
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value  
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 9.10.88

## Notices

Tender No. MEW/22/15-88/89 — Cleaning works

Further to the notice published in the Official Gazette





Charlie Sheen (centre) shares the billing with his older brother Emilio Estevez in the film Young Guns.

## Charlie Sheen: recovering from the too-much-too-soon syndrome

By Ivor Davis

AT the age of 22 he was smitten by a condition that has afflicted many young Hollywood actors. Charlie Sheen, star of *Platoon* (1986) and *Wall Street* (1987), suffered from a severe case of the too-much-too-soon syndrome.

Sheen's round soft face is framed with spiky-looking jet-black hair. The "punk" look is for "Major League," his movie due out next spring in which he plays a juvenile delinquent recruited to become a star baseball pitcher. His recently completed film, "Eight Men Out," in which he plays outfielder Nap Lajoie of the Chicago White Sox, was released last month in the USA.

A third movie, *Young Guns* is based on the story of Billy the Kid. The movie masquerades as a Western but resembles a contemporary gang movie with its youthful cast, rock-music score and drug scenes (Billy's men are shown getting high on peyote). "We could have played the roles on Harley-Davidsons instead of horses and if we had we could have done it in 10 days," says Sheen.

For the time being, Sheen is to share billing with his older brother Emilio Estevez, 26, who plays the itchy-fingered killer Billy the Kid. The \$10.5 million film also stars Kiefer Sutherland, Lou Diamond Phillips, Casey Siemaszko and Dermot Mulroney.

Keen Before discussing why he was so keen to star in *Young Guns*, Sheen talks about how he became burned-out. "You take a 21-year-old kid and put him in my situation. With the success of *Platoon*, which made \$150 million and won the best-picture Oscar, and having grown up around such guys as Cruise, Judd, Roh, Emilio, what do

you do for an encore?" he asks.

Sheen is referring to his *Brat Pack* days when he and Estevez, Tom Cruise, Judd Nelson, Roh and Sean Penn embraced Hollywood's nightlife as they churned out movies and captivated the media. "It was a lot to deal with not being able to do anything without being observed and mobbed," says Sheen. "So I decided to bury myself in the social whirlwind."

For Sheen real life began to imitate art while he was making *Wall Street* for director Oliver Stone. By day he faced the camera hung over and bloated as he portrayed Bud Fox, the cutthroat broker seduced by visions of money, power and women. By night he drank excessively.

Even his father, who starred with him in *Wall Street*, could do little to straighten him out. "Look, he is spoiled," said the elder Sheen. "He does run around too much, have too many girlfriends. He doesn't know hard times."

And Estevez, who pushed for Sheen to get the part in "Young Guns," felt powerless. "You would try to help out when he was going through his difficult periods, but it's hard for me to

play big brother," he says.

"People have to do their own thing and make their own discoveries."

For Sheen the turnaround came at a rock concert featuring U-2. Fueled by a daylong drinking binge, he went backstage to see Bono, lead singer of the band whose members advocate abstinence from alcohol and drugs. Says Sheen: "Bono said, 'You can stay with the booze and become a loser or give it up and stay with us.'"

Sheen gave up heavy drinking, began daily 5 am runs and hired a personal trainer. He was ready Estevez suggested he take a small role (Sheen's character gets killed halfway through the movie) in "Young Guns."

"The reason I took the part was to work with Emilio," says Sheen. "Emilio plays the wild guy and I'm the cool head. It was opposite the way we are in life. It brought us closer. We feuded as kids and now we're best friends."

Sheen grew up in Malibu, Calif., using the name Carlos Irwin Estevez (Estevez is the family's real name). Although his father wanted his four children (also including Ramon and Renee Estevez) to go to

college, none of them did. Instead, they spent their time making 8 mm films starring their show-business pals.

Sheen was 9 when he debuted opposite his father in the CBS-TV film *The Execution of Private Slovik* (1974). But his career took off in 1984 when he appeared in *Red Dawn* (1984), followed by *The Boys Next Door* (1985), *Lucas* (1986) and *Platoon*.

While Sheen's father spent his free time campaigning for the homeless or getting arrested at anti-nuclear demonstrations, Sheen preferred cruising in his black Porsche convertible. At the time "Wall Street" opened Sheen said: "I think we are who we play. I find in myself the compulsive aspects of Bud's existence, the seduction of quick gains, instant cash, that to me is very attractive."

Sheen now says, "It was a time I was fortunate to escape. I look back at it as a period of stupidity and arrogance. But without going through that I wouldn't know the balance between what works and what doesn't. After 'Wall Street' there was too much work. Obviously, people didn't look at me in the movie and say, 'Oh God, he must have been getting hammered every night. I was in a position that millions of people wanted to be in, and to jeopardize it by the overall abuse...'

He ponders his own recklessness for a moment, then continues, "So you do what I did: Step out and look back. Today I like myself better. It is easier to wake up in the morning and enjoy what I see in the mirror. Not from an egotistical point of view, but being comfortable with myself. I realized I had been accepted by the (film) industry. Now they see me as someone who is here to stay."



Terence Stamp (left) and Sheen in Young Guns.

## Moonlighting to the big screen

By Ivor Davis

HE was once about as accessible as Marlon Brando. But what a difference a hit film and a \$5 million salary make. Suddenly, the reclusive Bruce Willis poses for the May cover of *Vanity Fair*, smiles for television cameras and sits in a New York City hotel suite to chat about his life.

Willis is anxious to talk about his new action-packed movie *Die Hard* in which he plays New York City detective John McClane, who becomes the only hope for a small group of hostages, including his estranged wife (Bonnie Bedelia), trapped in a Los Angeles high rise seized by terrorists.

According to the 33-year-old actor, McClane is closer to the real Bruce Willis than David Addison, his alter ego on the ABC-TV series *Moonlighting*. "McClane is a guy who would rather stand in the back of the crowd. He doesn't want to be a hero. I can relate to that," says Willis.

For too long, he says, movie audiences have been served a diet of superheroes. "Can you relate to Rambo?" he asks. "But I know guys like McClane — guys who are afraid, guys who have anxiety. I wanted to play that. I've never been so enthusiastic about anything."

He is not the only one. Audiences also love *Die Hard*, which has earned more than \$30 million since it opened in July. Not bad for a college dropout who has made only two movies — *Sunset* (1988) and *Blind Date* (1987) — and a TV series.

"It's called, 'Get what you can get when you can get it,'" he says. "Show business is tough. Who is to say that next year my career will not be over? I could be history. No one is going to say, 'Oh, poor Bruce Willis. Let's bring him back and give him a lot of money.' So you have to get it while it's there."

The subject of megabucks, he explains, makes him uncomfortable because he fears for the safety of the unborn child he and his wife Demi Moore are expecting at the end of September. "I'm afraid some nut is

going to read this stuff and say, 'Hey man, he makes millions of dollars. Let's get some. Let's steal his baby.' It scares me. It can happen. It's what I feel in my heart," he says.

"I stay out of situations (interviews) like this as much as I can," he continues. "I don't feel the need to reveal details of my life. Some actors do. They'll tell you everything they ever did — 'Oh, I was a cocaine addict. I had a relationship with a Sheiland pony when I was 15.' Who wants to hear that stuff? I don't feel that it's my responsibility to open my private life to you. My work ends when I go home at the end of the day."

### Encouraged

But Willis encouraged publicity with tales of his rowdy parties, altercations with paparazzi and romance with Moore, whom he met through his friend and her ex-boyfriend Emilio Estevez. "I went through a time when more focus was placed on what I did when I got done working. The first couple of years I had no idea how to deal with being a celebrity. I thought I would go back to being anonymous, then I realized it was going to get more intense before it got quiet."

Willis says part of the problem lies in his "Moonlighting" character. "I'm in somebody's living room every Tuesday night and people watch TV in their underwear, eating in bed. They think they know you. You don't know how important your anonymity is until it is taken away. They come up to you and ask you to say something funny. 'Hey, give me that lopsided grin. Be David Addison.' I've never been that kind of gregarious guy. It made me withdraw," he says.

### Advantages

One of the advantages of his movie success is that Willis can look forward to a time when "Moonlighting" will be a memory. "I want to leave it behind," he says. "I've explored it all. There are only so many times I can make the same face. In 'Die Hard' director John McTiernan gave me



Willis says his character in the film *Die Hard* is closer to the real Bruce Willis than David Addison, his alter ego in *Moonlighting*.



Bruce Willis stars as a New York detective in the action-adventure film *Die Hard*.

time to find this character, and TV doesn't give you that."

What television does give you is the exposure that makes \$5 million a picture a reality. And whether he likes it or not Willis is contracted for two more seasons of "Moonlighting." That, he says, could be good or bad, depending on whether the show can recover from co-star Cybill Shepherd's maternity leave.

"The appeal of our show is the fact that there isn't any format. We could do Shakespeare or a show in black and white. It was innovative. It turned the show into one of the most successful on TV, but then Cybill went away for 14 weeks and we were like a baseball team with an injured star," he says.

Working around the pregnancy, he says, forced them into a format similar to other shows with hackneyed cliff-hanger endings. "I would like to see it get back to what we did in the first couple of years," he says. "But I will work just as hard for the next two years because I like to think of myself as a professional."

Willis is currently in Tennessee shooting *In Country* in which he plays a Vietnam veteran trying to survive the post-Vietnam syndrome with

his orphaned niece (Emily Lloyd). "I'm a little scared of *In Country*," he says. "I lost a couple of friends in Vietnam. I was drafted the year they ended the war. It's a personal story. I don't think anyone has done the vets justice yet. These people need to be hugged and told they're OK. I want to speak for them. The film is about the healing process. It's about coming back to life."

Which is exactly what Willis says he has done, leaving his hard-drinking hachelors days behind and settling into domestic bliss in a beach house in Malibu, Calif. There are no plans, he says, for him and Moore to work together on a movie.

"We're having so much fun playing," he says. "Why ruin it? We would rather be in love than working together. What I would like to do after the baby is born is have Demi go to work and me stay home with the baby."

That is, he explains, until the next baby. "Yeah, sure, I want my own little softball team," he says.

"It keeps getting better and better," he continues. "I've never been happier. I'm expecting a baby. I'm in love with my wife. I've got a hit film. Let me tell you, life is very, very good."

## Perfect English gentleman seeks new image

By Jane Fletcher

SOME actors shed blood, sweat and tears for a role. They distort their figures, wear outrageous disguises and measure a good performance by the amount of pain they have to suffer to achieve it.

Heart-throb Charles Dance does things differently. He comes from the stiff upper lip school of acting. The sandy-haired, freckle-faced actor, last seen as the Earl of Erroll in *White Mischief*, has made his mark by typifying English elegance and good breeding.

Now he is to repeat his success by playing the quintessential Englishman abroad in the new film *Pascali's Island*, opposite Helen Mirren and Ben Kingsley.

The film, which premiered at the Cannes Film Festival, sees Charles as traveller Anthony Bowles, equipped with Panama

**Superstar Charles Dance has made his name by playing stiff upper lip Englishmen ... a tag he is now desperately trying to lose.**

hat, walking cane and his usual look of total composure.

Charles says: "I see Bowles as the prototypical British adventurer. Coming from the middle classes, he is an opportunist with the temperament of an artist, a rogue who hides under the mask of culture."

It is the type of role which has so endeared Charles to Hollywood. He is now one of the most sought after English actors in America and has comfortably taken his place in the major star league.

But it is a situation that Charles finds rather perplexing.

"It is ludicrous," he says. "My name actually seems to mean more to people in

America than in my own country. The more success I have, the more bizarre the situation becomes."

Dance is, of course, the natural to play the role of the English gentleman. Six feet three inches tall, he always seems to stand ramrod straight and his hooded green-blue eyes never give his emotions away. Even his name suits him perfectly — somehow "Charles" just wouldn't seem right.

Charles, 42, first came to public attention playing smouldering Guy Perron in the lavish TV series, *The Jewel In The Crown*. Later, he was hand-picked by Meryl Streep to play her aristocratic husband in *Plenty* and he was perfectly cast as the caddish Earl of Erroll in *White Mischief*, even though at one point during the film he had to wear a dress! Nevertheless, he still managed to hang on to his dignity, although he jokingly refers to the incident as "my worst career move."

Yet the role for which Charles seemed eminently suitable — that of James Bond — was the one he didn't want. "It's all very simple," he explains with a charming smile. "My agent was phoned and asked if I would do a test for the part of James Bond. But I didn't consider James Bond to be a part which would have helped my career so I said I wasn't interested."

He did, however, make a fleeting appearance in one Bond epic. "I was the third villain from the right, name of Klaus, in *For Your Eyes Only*. I did it purely for the experience — and the money!"

Following his performance as Guy Perron, Charles was inundated by fanmail from adoring females. He was immediately labelled "the thinking woman's crumpet," something he now says he finds flattering, but ultimately amusing.

"It goes in one ear and out the other. Don't tag me with that sex symbol nonsense," he pleads. "It's just another label and I don't want to be an on-screen passion stirrer."

"Besides beauty is very much in the eye of the beholder — I'm sure there are a lot of women who would find me repellent."

He does admit, however, that he has empathy with the camera — "I know this peculiar face of mine does photograph well" — and he works hard at keeping his figure in shape. He rarely touches alcohol and is a self-confessed keep-fit fanatic, who has been known to run four and a half miles a day. He also pumps iron, the result of which can be seen when he strips down to his breeches in *Pascali's Island*.

But although Charles is now besieged with film offers, success took a long time coming. The son of a civil engineer, he was born in Plymouth in 1946 and moved to Dartmoor after his father died. He says he enjoyed school plays as a young boy, but gave them up when he developed a stammer in his teens.

He had no ambition to become an actor until, at the age of 19, he became a graphics student and got involved in amateur dramatics once more. Fortunately, his debilitating stammer soon disappeared.

After he left art school, Charles studied with two ex-actors who had coached acting students. They taught the aspiring actor, demanding only two pints of beer an hour as payment.

Such unorthodox training reaped its rewards. By 1973, Charles had been accepted by the Royal Shakespeare company and took a number of prestigious theatrical roles.

The he branched into television and eventually won the role of Guy Perron which was to launch him on the path to international success.

Charles says he does not want to be typecast — "stiff upper lip parts can be limiting and boring" — and gladly took the role of the Devil in the Eddie Murphy film, *The Golden Child*. Yet he admits he goes where the work is, "although I try to reject the rubbish and go for the challenging roles."

His most severe critic is his wife, Jo. He says: "She soon tells me if I'm getting pompous and complacent. We've been married for as long as I've been an actor and she much prefers being married to a successful actor than an unsuccessful one."

Charles is now in a fortunate position. Famous enough to pick up the type of roles which interest him most, confident enough to comment on what has gone before.



Charles Dance: does not want to be typecast. Stiff upper lip parts can be limiting and boring, he says.

He says of *The Golden Child*: "That awful Eddie Murphy film. If you have a weekend filled with boredom, then go and see it. I don't advise it otherwise."

And his relationship with Meryl Streep on *Plenty* was decidedly cool. When they had to get on for the sake of the script, they did, says Charles. When they didn't, they didn't.

Even *White Mischief*, which is doing mega business in America, failed to come up to Charles' high expectations. Playing opposite Greta Scacchi, he says the intention of the

film was to bring out the redeeming features of the decadent and adulterous Happy Valley set who settled in Kenya in the 1930s. "Personally, I don't think we achieved that, which is a disappointment."

For a time the Dance family lived in Hollywood, but it wasn't a happy time. Charles now seems to find more satisfaction with European films because he feels they are less intent on commercial success.

For that reason he accepted the role of legendary director, D.W. Griffith in the film, *Good*

Morning Babylon, shot in Italy. It was an enjoyable experience and turned Charles' own thoughts to directing. "I have found the subject I want to do. I have a lot to learn, but I know the people who can teach me."

But for the time being, Charles Dance will continue still to be seen in front of the camera. "I'm a perfectionist and I don't see any point in being any other," he says. "I'm a good actor, but I could always be better. Besides, I don't want to be known as Guy Perron forever."



Dance with Meryl Streep in *Plenty*.







# CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the Arab Times

Violence fails to draw the crowds

## Keep your tissues handy, family melodramas are popular again

WITH the failure of many violent and action-packed films recently, it seems that people are rather tired of the oft-repeated 'exciting fights' and 'thrilling spectacles' dished out regularly to bored audiences. Does this mean that Indian Cinema will revert once again to family dramas and tales of young love which were once such a favourite with audiences?

Time alone will tell if this change will come about in a big way but there are some signs of it happening: one is that some recent films on those lines have brought in moderately good results, and secondly more films of a similar nature are on the release list in the immediate future or a little later in the year.

It seems that producers and directors are slowly realising that what touches the heart is more important than the mere feeding of the senses. A few names are becoming prominent in this genre of films; film makers Kalpataru, Mohanji Prasad, K. Bapaiah, Krishnamurthy and son Ravi Shanker. And the artists who specialise in it are Jaya Prada, Meenakshi, Seshadri, Raakhee, Sudha Chandran, Rishi Kapoor, Raj Babbar and even Mithun and Govinda on rare occasions. For director Kalpataru (it is his adopted screen name), the *Ghar* films have become quite a private gold-mine and others have been quick to exploit. Almost every such film must have *Ghar* (home) in the title. Kalpataru himself is doing a dozen such films.

### Release

One family drama ready for release is *Aurat Teri Yahi Kahani* made by Mohanji Prasad with Meenakshi, Raj Babbar, Raj Kiran and character artists Nirupa Roy, Sushma Seth, Shriram Lagoo, Aruna Irani and Kadar Khan. It is the old, old, story of a cart-full of woes heaped on the poor heroine, to enable the women in the audience reach for the Kleenex. A film with exactly the same title was made long ago in 1954 with Nirupa Roy in the title role.

The story is worth noting for the twists and turns it takes. Meenakshi is the 'accused' creature, Savitri whose mother dies at her hands and who then



Young lovers: Abhinav and Lubna in 'Parbat Ke Us Paar'

has to suffer the tyrannies of step-mother Aruna. Her father Shriram Lagoo regrets his second marriage and drowns his sorrows in liquor. A village youth Raj Babbar loves her but he too is under a curse because he has killed a snake in childhood.

hood, its mate can bite him any time, except when he is wearing a talisman given to him by a Muslim holy man.

The urgent need for a thousand rupees by the step-mother seeds Meenakshi on the road to more serious trouble.

As evil old landlord almost marries her but dies in the attempt. Then his lecherous son charges at her. She jumps into a river hut is saved by people from a women's welfare home. But they too sell her to a madame who runs a dance-house. Meenakshi sings and dances but manages to keep her virginity intact. The landlord's kind wife Nirupa rescues her and gets her married to Babbar, despite Raj Kiran trying to kidnap her. One more calamity befalls her when Babbar loses his talisman and the revengeful snake takes a bite off him. Now she begs Lord Shankar, with songs and prayers, to get her husband revived. We realise now why she is named Savitri and Babbar is called Satio (Satyawant) to match with the mythical pair which faced the same ordeal.

### Hopes

Talking about the film, Meenakshi said recently that she has high hopes from a few such family dramas. The next one is Mohan Prasad's *Bade Ghar ki Beti* directed by Kalpataru, in which Rishi is her hero. The cast also has Aruna Irani, Raj Kiran, Sushma Seth and Kadar Khan. Perhaps Meenakshi is banking on the past success of *Maa Beti* and the flop *Swati* in which she had a powerful character. A parallel family film being made is *Bade Ghar ki Bahu* also directed by Kalpataru but which has Rishi, Farha, Swapna, Suresh Oberoi, Kadar Khan and Pran for a change.

Another such Meenakshi starrer directed by Kalpataru is *Apsa Ghar* with Shashi and Rishi Kapoor, Raj Kiran, Aruna and Kadar Khan. With Jaya Prada, Jeetendra, Anita Raj, Shakti Kapoor, Aruna and Kadar Khan, the director is making *Yeh Kaisa Sansar*. A film completed and ready is

*Paraya Ghar* with Rishi, Jaya Prada, Raj Babbar, Mahdvi and Kadar Khan. And one recently started by him is *Badi Bahen* with Govinda, Farha, Dipika, Shakti Kapoor and Kadar Khan.

Some more family films on the way include *Ghar Basake Dekho* directed by J.K. Bihari who recently did *Biwi Ho To Aisi*. Then there are *Ghar Parivar* by Mohanji Prasad, *Sawan Ka Mahina* produced by Jaya Prada directed by Kalpataru and with herself and Rishi Kapoor in the cast. *Baharai* is being made by Bharat Rangachary with Rekha, Chiranjeev and Ravi Shankar with Meenakshi, Rishi, Govinda and Neelam. *Mamta Ka Mandir* by Surendra Mohan with Mithun and Jaya Prada. There is also *Sagar Saagar* directed by Dulal Guha with Shatrugh, Mithun, Raakhee, Padmini Kolhapure, Anita Raj etc., which was long delayed but is now being released.

All this flurry of activity in domestic dramas was obviously spurred by the fair success of *Pyaar Ka Mandir*, *Ghar Ghar ki Kahani*, *Hamara Khandan* and earlier *Swarg Se*



Kalpataru, the popular director of family socials flanked by stars Vinod Khanna (left) and Meenakshi.

*Sunder*. The industry realised that audiences would welcome a violence-free family film, if it was well-knit and well-acted. The same is happening in the field of romantic dramas, and love affairs of young people opposed by elders or class friends or old enmity. This has been triggered off by the huge success of *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak*. Since this film ended in tragedy with the lovers dying like Romeo and Juliet or Laila and Majnu, the new films are also having weepy endings.

The first to come up is Ramao Kumar's *Parbat Ke Us Paar*

*Pear*. Shot amidst the hills, the film has a young new pair, Abhinav Chaturvedi (the young 'prince' of TV serials 'Humlog' and 'Buniyad') and Lubna Siddiqui (daughter of writer Javed Siddiqui). The film was completed long back but got sold recently after the splendid show of *Qayamat Se*. With an unusual backdrop and music by Khayyam, it may prove a moderate success. Another unsold romance is *Jalal Agha's Gooj*, shot in Goa with Jui Chawla and Kumar Gaurav.

Other such films expected in near future are Boney Kapoor's *Prem* with his other brother Sanjay Kapoor making a hero's debut. Kanwal Sharma's *De Do Mufhe Pyar* with Rajiv Kapoor and Mandakini. B. Subash's *Love Love* with Aamir Khan and Jui. Barjatya's *Maine Pyar Kiya* with Bhagyashree and Salman Khan. B. Subash's second movie *Pyaar Ke Naam Qurban* with Mithun, Dimple, Mandakini, I Love You with Rajan Sippy and Sahila Chadha and of course R.K. (Raodhir Kapoor's) film *Henna* with Rishi and a till now unknown heroine.

## Behind the screen

When veterans get together at a function, it is a touching sight. Recently, we saw Ashok Kumar, Jairaj, Lalita Pawar, K.N. Singh, Trilok Kapoor, and Agha in the same hall. K.N. Singh could hardly see as his eye-sight is damaged. Ashok Kumar looked bent and wrinkled. Jairaj on the other hand looked healthy and fit. Lalitabai is of course still working. But it was Agha who kept everyone awake, as he vigorously demanded: "Where are the cats and drinks?"

Japan has become a matter of controversy like the one in Punjab. People ask where is the gain except for some publicity for the star. War and terrorism won't end with all this, since their root causes are different. We must appreciate Sunil's spirit in taking up such uphill tasks, inspiring other people and spreading the message of peace and harmony. The only regret is the sad neglect of his films.

Film magazines are not doing as well as people think. Recently an English and a Hindi fortnightly published by a big group of newspapers have been turned into smoothies, as they were not faring well. To save costs, the Hindi mag's name (and goodwill) have also been erased and now it will only be a Hindi version of the English one.

Poor Kiran Juneja was given a raw deal in *Hamara Khandan* where the heroine was Farha. Kiran was told, hers was a parallel role of a proud rich girl. But she was almost reduced to a vamp. Moreover she had only one song-dance with Rishi. But



Farha: upstaging Kiran Juneja in 'Hamara Khandan'

even in that sequence, Farha was present in the hero's imagination and Kiran just

began and ended the song. Let's see what friend Ramesh Sippy does for her in *Akela*.

Dev Anand's new discovery, Ektaa, for his film *Awat Numbur* has created the wrong kind of waves. Just as Mandakini's past was dug up before Ram Teri this new girl has been exposed as Aarti Sharma, Jharna, Radhika etc. People who are cut up with her say that she is hardly a fresh face. She has already done some soft-porn films and TV serials and she has just missed being Henna. It would be better if the background is honestly declared, when a new-comer is given a big break. After all, it is a small (film) world.

Sunil Dutt's foot-march in



Dev Anand (right) with his 'new' find Ektaa: hardly a fresh face, say the gossips



Sunil Dutt: spreading the message of peace and harmony at the cost of his film career



Rishi Kapoor (left) and Meenakshi Seshadri: specialists in the family drama genre



## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## WOMEN NEED NOT LIMIT SPORTS ACTIVITIES

**QUESTION:** I have a young granddaughter who is very interested in gymnastics. She is just entering her womanhood and I am afraid she will be injured by all the strenuous activity involved. Shouldn't women limit their sports activity?

**ANSWER:** I think you're suggesting that sports and exercise are somehow bad for women. Nothing could be further from the truth. Exercise and sports participation can help anyone, male or female, maintain fitness and bring on an increased sense of wellbeing.

To talk about limiting women's athletic participation because of risk of injury is as silly as limiting men's participation because they need to wear athletic supporters.

There is still the lingering myth that exercise will hurt women or impair their femininity or reproductive health. Yet, women were once expected to run a household at a time when water had to be hauled from a well, laundry had to be physically scrubbed and wrung out and rugs had to be beaten clean. If a woman was lucky enough to have a servant to do this heavy work, that servant was usually a woman too.

A fit woman is not more likely to be

injured when participating in sports than a fit man. There are a few accommodations that women athletes must make to participate in sports, however.

A large-breasted woman should wear a comfortable sports bra that will give her support for jumping or running. Women are more prone to knee and ankle injuries because of their wide pelvis, but proper stretching before exercise along with good shoes will reduce this risk.

There is no reason why a healthy pregnant woman should not continue to participate in sports or exercise. She should be careful of her changing centre of balance and of her lowered target heart rate, however.

As for your young granddaughter, she will gain much from her sports participation as she is watched closely by her coaches, who will assure that her activity is appropriate for her age and build. And you will enjoy every minute!

**QUESTION:** My dad, who is 75, has a number of skin growths. Should he just leave them be, because of his advanced age, or should he seek some medical treatment?

**ANSWER:** Well, a dermatologist friend of mine believes it's never too late to treat

skin growths. In older people, she thinks it's very important from an emotional standpoint. Some growths are badges of age, which she feels people don't always wear proudly. So, by all means, take your dad to a doctor.

The typical growths found in the elderly are small, discolored skin tags in which malignant transformation is rare and treatment is relatively simple. Removal is usually accomplished through scraping, freezing or acid treatments.

Liver spots, another type of skin growth, frequently go untreated and are waved off as a sign of aging. But there is no need for this, since they are simple to treat and respond to bleaching or liquid nitrogen peels.

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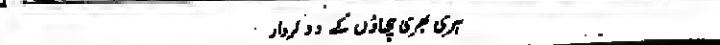
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SPORTS

BASEBALL  
ROUNDUP

## Red Sox trounce Orioles

BOSTON, Sept. 7. (AP) Mike Greenwell, who figures in more rallies than most players in baseball, also figures the Boston Red Sox are in the driver's seat in the American League East.

"I think we're the team to beat because we're in first place," Greenwell said last night after driving in three runs to lead Boston to a 6-1 victory over Baltimore Orioles, giving the Red Sox a two-game lead over slumping Detroit.

The Tigers, who led the division from July 28 until Monday, when Boston claimed the top spot, Detroit's 7-3 loss last night to Toronto was its sixth straight.

Elsewhere, it was Cleveland 1, New York 0; Seattle 8, Minnesota 3; Texas 3, Oakland 1; and Kansas City 3, California 2. Surging Milwaukee, which trails Boston by 4-1/2 games, and Chicago were idle.

**Blue Jays 7, Tigers 3**  
George Bell donned to trigger a four-run Toronto second inning as the streaking Blue Jays won their sixth straight game to remain 6-1/2 games behind Boston.

Detroit, 23-30 since the All-Star break, has lost 13 of its last 15 games. The Tigers had not endured a six-game losing streak since 1985 and hadn't dropped six consecutive games at home since 1984.

**Mariners 8, Twins 3**  
Harold Reynolds drove in three runs as the Seattle whippersnappers won their fourth straight game.

Mike Campbell, 6-8, allowed five hits and two runs in 6-2-3 innings for the victory. Mike Schoof pitched the final 1-2-3 in relief, striking out three.

The loss left the defending World Series champions 9-1/2 games behind Oakland in the AL West and reduced the Athletics' magic number for clinching the division to 15.

**Rangers 3, Athletics 1**  
Charlie Hough, struggling with a 3-8 record since July 4, scattered seven hits over 8-2-3 innings to lead Texas over the Oakland and break a six-game losing streak by the Rangers.

Don't blame Houston's Jim Deshaies, who pitched a no-hitter for his next college team with Cincinnati's Tom Browning.

Browning and Deshaies, college teammates while attending Loyola in New York, have met three times this season and Browning has won each time.

Kal Daniels hit two home runs to drive in four runs and Browning won his seventh game in his last eight decisions as Cincinnati beat Houston 10-3 at the Astrodome last night.

"I'm sorry Jimmy had to take the loss," Browning said. "Jimmy had a rough early going, and it was a situation where you can't get down by much."

Browning, 15-5, has a 13-2 record since June 1, and the Reds have won six of their last seven games to move within 6-1-2 games of first-place Los Angeles in the National League West.

Elsewhere in the National League it was Atlanta 2, Los Angeles 1; Pittsburgh 3, New York 2; St. Louis 1, Montreal 0; Philadelphia 3, Chicago 2; and San Diego 4, San Francisco 3.

**Braves 2, Dodgers 1**  
Jeff Blauser hit his first home run of the season with two outs in the eighth inning off reliever Jesse Orosco as Atlanta beat visiting Los Angeles.

## LENDL OVERCOMES HLASEK

# Connors and Agassi sail through

NEW YORK, Sept. 7. (UPI) In a meeting of two of America's brightest young tennis talents, Andre Agassi handily defeated Michael Chang last night to gain the quarterfinals of the US Open against a man twice his age, Jimmy Connors.

Agassi, the 18-year-old fourth seed who lost in the opening round of his previous two Opens, disposed of the 16-year-old Chang, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2.

**Crushing**  
The crowd-pleasing teen thus set up an eagerly anticipated meeting against Connors, a five-time Open champion who at 36 is twice his age. Connors first played in the Open in 1968, two years before Agassi was born, and the two hit balls against each other when Agassi was four.

Connors goes into the match following his biggest runaway at the championships in seven years, crushing Mexican Jorge Lozano, 6-1, 6-2, 6-0, in 85 minutes. This is the 15th time in 16 years Connors has reached the round of eight.

Completing the quarterfinal bracket are Ivan Lendl, in quest of a fourth successive Open crown, and unseeded Derrick Rostagno, who will face each

other for the first time.

Lendl stumpled against a tough foe, Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland, before emerging with a 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4 victory. The top seed, whose serve wasn't as effective as usual, has won 25 matches in a row at the Open since dropping the 1984 final to John McEnroe.

Rostagno, who said later he was "happy more for my parents than anything," defeated Haitian Ronald Agenor, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3 to give the United States four quarterfinalists in the Open for the first time since 1983.

Lendl opened each set with a service break, and gave it back only in the second set. Lendl was up two breaks at 4-1 in that set before Hlasek, ranked 25th, broke back in the sixth, 10th and 12th games.

Chang, whose ranking has risen to 48th, gained the initial break of the match in the third game, but Agassi got it back immediately and won the set with another break in the 12th game.

Agassi jumped to a 3-0 lead in the second set, and after Chang drew even, he got the decisive break in the eighth game. Agassi broke twice more in the third set, in the first and seventh games.



Connors to meet Agassi in quarterfinals

concluding business in an hour and 48 minutes.

Connors, the sixth seed, has lost only one set in four matches, and the three games he yielded to Lozano were the fewest he has allowed at the Open since beating

John Lloyd, 6-0 6-0 6-2 in 1981.

Connors, who celebrated his 36th birthday last week, had his service broken only once, in the second game of the second set, and he broke Lozano eight times. Lozano fell and apparently

twisted an ankle when he was trailing 2-0 in the second set. The ankle was sprayed and taped, and Lozano didn't appear to be hampered by it, putting up his best fight in that second set.

Lozano, ranked 68th in the world, won merely 13 points in the first set and 14 in the third.

"I thought I hit the ball as clean as I could hit it today," Connors said. "Not only did I hit the ball clean, I moved well and it was a case of going out there and being sharp enough."

"I got off to a good start, got on top of him right away, didn't give him a chance to get into it and I think he got a bit discouraged along the way."

**Errors**  
Except for the second set, when he also was charged with half of his 20 unforced errors, Lendl didn't have his service broken, and he ended the 3-hour and 5-minute match with his seventh ace.

"He rushed you a lot," Lendl said of Hlasek. "He's a very solid player. He doesn't miss many approaches or volleys. I felt better in the third and fourth sets and started hitting the ball cleaner. I also think his legs got a little heavier."

## Tyson-Bruno fight postponed

NEW YORK, Sept. 7. (Reuter) The bout between heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson and Briton Frank Bruno has been postponed due to injuries Tyson sustained in a road accident on Sunday, his manager said yesterday.

The doctor strongly recommends against it (the October 22 Bruno fight), Tyson manager Bill Cayton said. "This is strictly a medical decision."

Doctors at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital said the 22-year-old boxer had blacked out for up to 30 minutes, sustained a concussion and is still suffering bouts of amnesia surrounding the road accident in upstate New York.

**Scuffle**  
Cayton said the Bruno bout, already put back by two weeks after Tyson injured his right hand in a scuffle with former heavyweight contender Mitch Green on August 23, would likely occur in December.

He said no new date had yet been arranged.

"He did sustain a concussion and had a fairly long duration of unconsciousness, about 20-30 minutes," Dr. Caroline Britton told a news conference.

"There is a rather significant duration of unconsciousness — more than average for a head injury," she said. "He did not recall what happened when he first woke up. He does not recall the impact of the car," said Britton, a neurological specialist.

"The fact that he has amnesia is a point of great concern for the doctors," Cayton said. "It shows that Mike is not normal."

"Originally he remembered nothing — not even getting into the car. Over the last 48 hours he has begun to get a recall. Just today he remembered getting into the car, but he does not remember the impact."

Cayton and Britton said Tyson expressed no remorse over the cancellation.

Cayton said he would try for a December date at the 11,000-seat Wembley Arena, because the 55,000-seat Wembley stadium was unavailable after October 22.

A newspaper reported today that Tyson's car crash was a suicide attempt but the heavyweight champion's manager rejected the article as ridiculous.

The front-page story in the New York Daily News said Tyson told his wife Robin Givens by telephone on Sunday that he was going to kill himself by crashing his car.

"On Sunday morning after completing his roadwork in the Catskills (mountains in upstate New York), Mike Tyson called his wife's apartment in Manhattan," it said. "The champion's mind was racing and tortured."

"I'm going to go out and kill myself," it said Tyson was reported to have told Givens. "I'm going to crash my car."

The article said Tyson then hung up and headed out the door. "He climbed into Givens' silver BMW and pressed the gas pedal (accelerator) to the floor. He wore no seat belt," the article said.

"The car skipped across a lawn and down the driveway," it said. "Tyson aimed the car into a tree."

The article cited "interviews with those individuals with an intimate knowledge of Tyson's turmoil" for its account of the incident, in which Tyson hiked out and suffered a concussion and partial amnesia.

"I don't believe it," Cayton told Reuters in a telephone interview. "I don't think it has any credibility. I still don't know where they heard or came up with that story."

## Faldo stays on Ballesteros' tail

SUNNINGDALE, England, Sept. 7. (Reuter) Nick Faldo keeps up his pursuit of Severiano Ballesteros while looking over his shoulder at Ian Woosnam in the European Open Golf Championship starting tomorrow.

Faldo, the 1987 British Open champion, is some £69,000 (\$117,000) behind current British Open king Ballesteros in the European money list for the year with Woosnam, who led the order in 1987, slightly more than that behind Faldo.

But while Faldo can expect to gain considerable ground on the Spaniard, who is not playing this week, Woosnam will find it difficult to close in on his fellow-Briton, whom he partnered during Europe's Ryder Cup victory over the United States last year.

**Hope**

Woosnam, fifth in the list with earnings of £143,643 (\$244,420) after two victories this year, has a strong reason for wanting to finish second, now that he has given

up hope of catching Ballesteros and retaining his money title.

Woosnam appears to be back near the form that helped him win nine events last year. He capped the Irish Open title three weeks ago to go with the British PGA he won in May, then finished joint second in the Swiss Open/European Masters on Sunday.

"I thought, after doing so well in 1987, that I would be lucky to win one title this year. Now I have won two and there are still

some big money events to come," the little Welshman said.

But he believes that his poor form earlier this year, coupled with a wrist injury, has cost him his chance of catching Ballesteros.

Organisers were unable to tempt Ballesteros to this event — the Spaniard is rationing his appearances this year — but virtually all the other leading players in Europe are taking part, including US Masters champion Sandy Lyle of Britain.

## New record

DOVER, England, Sept. 7. (AP) An 11-year-old English hoy crawled ashore today at Shalcombe beach to set a new record as the youngest person to swim the English Channel, the Channel Swimming Association reported.

Thomas Gregory, age 11 years 333 days, broke the record set in 1979 when Marcus Hooper made the crossing at age 12 years, 53 days. Both boys belonged to the Eltham Swimming and Training Club of London, 78 miles (126 kilometres) northwest of Dover.

## Bookmakers refuse to take bets on Cup series

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 7. (Reuter) Stars and Stripes skipper Dennis Conner is such a heavy favourite that bookmakers refused to take bets on him winning the first race of a lopsided America's Cup series off a sweltering San Diego bay.

A fleet of up to 4,000 pleasure boats was gathered in San Diego bay to watch the majestic yacht New Zealand and the nippy US catamaran head for the starting line.

**Best**

The national weather service predicted southwesterly winds of 12 to 18 knots during the race — a plus for Stars and Stripes. New Zealand, with its half acre of sail, runs best in light winds and choppy seas.

But New Zealand skipper David Barnes said he is hoping to pick up wind shifts early because of the expanse of his sails.

Interest in the best-of-three series is limited. Banker Michael Fay, who has spent more than \$10 million on the New Zealand challenge, has promised the real winner will be decided in the courts, claiming it is unfair to race a faster catamaran against a single-hulled vessel.

The boats were due to start racing at noon (1900 GMT), but San Diego, a relaxed naval town where tourists wander along harbour drive soaking up the sun and watching killer whales perform at Sea World, has failed to show much interest, outside the yachting community.

## Kasparov to face Karpov in December

MOSCOW, Sept. 7. (Reuter) A playoff for the Soviet chess title will start on December 25 in Moscow between world champion Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov, Tass news agency said yesterday.

Tass said the decision to hold the four-game playoff match was made at a meeting of the presidium of the Soviet Chess Federation.

If the score is tied after four games both men will be declared the champion, the presidium decided. If a player refuses to compete the title will be given to the other.

The chess federation also noted the refusal of the two men to demonstrate "good will," at the recent Soviet Chess Championship, which began in late July.

The final play-off had been due to start in August after Kasparov and Karpov tied 11.5-11.5, but chess officials said Karpov demanded a rest.

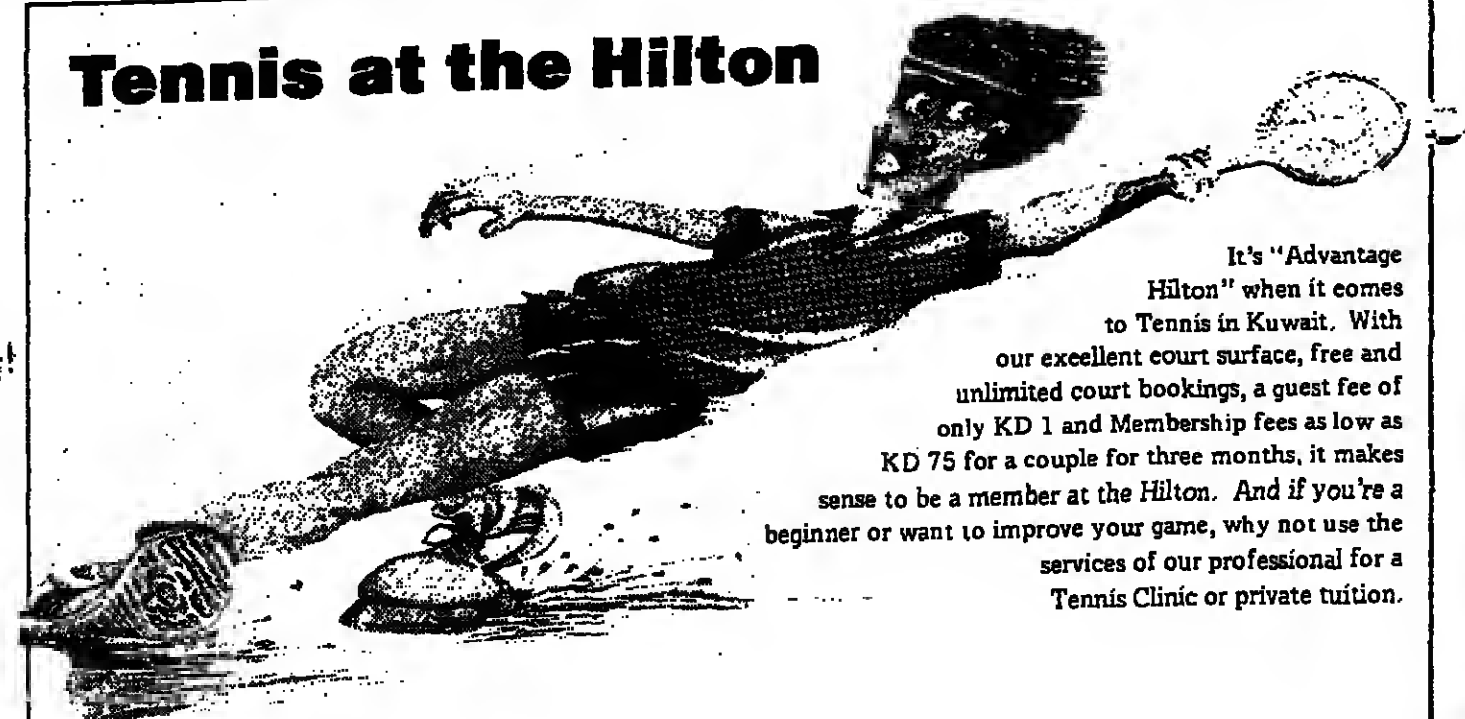
Karpov also said he might refuse to compete because of a clause obliging the players to continue playing for a sudden-death result in the event of a 2-2 draw in the four-game match.

The announcement yesterday that such a draw would produce two winners appeared to address Karpov's complaint.

The chess federation said Kasparov and Karpov must let officials know by October 1 whether they intend to compete.

Karpov lost the world championship to Kasparov in 1985.

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## SPORTS

## INDIAN SPORTS MINISTER SLAMS TCCB

## England's India tour under threat

NEW DELHI, Sept 7. (Reuters): India came very close to saying today it would bar captain Graham Gooch from the England cricket tour of the country due to start in December because of his South African links.

Sports Minister Margaret Alva, speaking shortly before the England touring team was announced, said England's Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) knew perfectly well how strongly opposed India was to apartheid when it named Gooch captain.

"If they want to announce the team in spite of that, it's up to them. It's obvious they don't want to play in India," she said.

Alva, speaking to reporters watching her accept an anti-Gooch petition signed by members of all India's parliamentary parties, emphasised no decision had been made on Gooch.

Issue That would come when the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) formally presented the England squad to the government, which has to issue visas, she said.

But Alva's vehement comments left little doubt that England's 11-week tour would not go ahead unless the TCCB removed Gooch from the squad.

Half of its members have South African links. Seven other players named to the team — John Emburey, Allan Lamb, Kim Barnett, Roh Bailey, Tim Robinson, Graham Dilley and Phil Newport — have either played or coached in South Africa.

But it was Gooch, who announced after his appointment on August 29 he had broken a contract to play in South Africa to take the job, who

incurred Indian wrath. Alva said that had she not been sports minister, she would have joined the more than 200 legislators who marched to her office to present their petition.

Immediately after Gooch's appointment, Alva had refused all comment. Her blunt remarks today suggested the government had already decided to bar Gooch.

"We have our differences in Parliament, but there are some issues on which we stand united. This is a national commitment," she said of the campaign against apartheid.

Asked if she would rather see the England tour cancelled than let Gooch play in India, Alva replied: "Absolutely."

Gooch is on a United Nations blacklist of sportsmen who have played or coached in South Africa for his participation in a rebel tour in 1982.

But the TCCB had argued he ought to be allowed to lead England on the tour because he had not been to South Africa since playing in the World Cup in India in 1987.

Anti-apartheid campaigners leading the drive against Gooch said his signature of a contract to play there meant he had forfeited his right to play in India.

India and England fought a similar battle in 1981. That was resolved when captain Geoff Boycott, who had played in South Africa, signed a statement condemning apartheid.

Boycott left the tour of India halfway through — then took part in the 1982 rebel tour, an action Indian cricket officials said left a feeling of betrayal in New Delhi.

Meanwhile former England cricket captain David Gower



Demonstrators hold a protest in front of the sports minister's office in New Delhi against the tour of the England team. (Reuters wirephoto)

and veteran off-spinner Eddie Hemmings were recalled to the team today.

The choice of Hemmings, who will be 40 during the 11-week tour due to start on December 6, was the biggest surprise sprung by the selectors.

He has not played a Test this summer, he has taken just 16 wickets at an average of 54.75 in his eight Tests and his international career was widely regarded as over.

He last played for England on the tour of New Zealand earlier

this year, having taken a leading role in England's World Cup campaign last October.

Gower, who led England on their last tour of India in 1984-85, was dropped for the last two Tests against West Indies. His record stands at 100 Tests and 7,000 runs.

A new face — the 35th player to be selected by England since May — is reserve wicketkeeper Steven Rhodes.

Among the surprise omissions were all-rounder Derek Pringle, paceman Gladstone Small and

opener Tim Curtis.

The party contains seven specialist batsmen, four fast bowlers, three spinners and two wicketkeepers.

Dilley and Neil Foster have been included despite both needing end-of-season operations for knee complaints.

The selectors are expected to ask two other fast bowlers to stand by in case either one is forced out of the tour.

Squad: Gooch (captain), Emburey (vice-captain), Bailey, Barnett, Childs, Dilley, Foster, Gower, Hemmings, Lamb, Lawrence, Newport, Rhodes, Robinson, Russell, Smith.

TCCB chief executive Alan Smith said later Indian cricket officials, with whom he and his Lord's colleagues were in almost daily contact, had made no mention of any political threat to the tour.

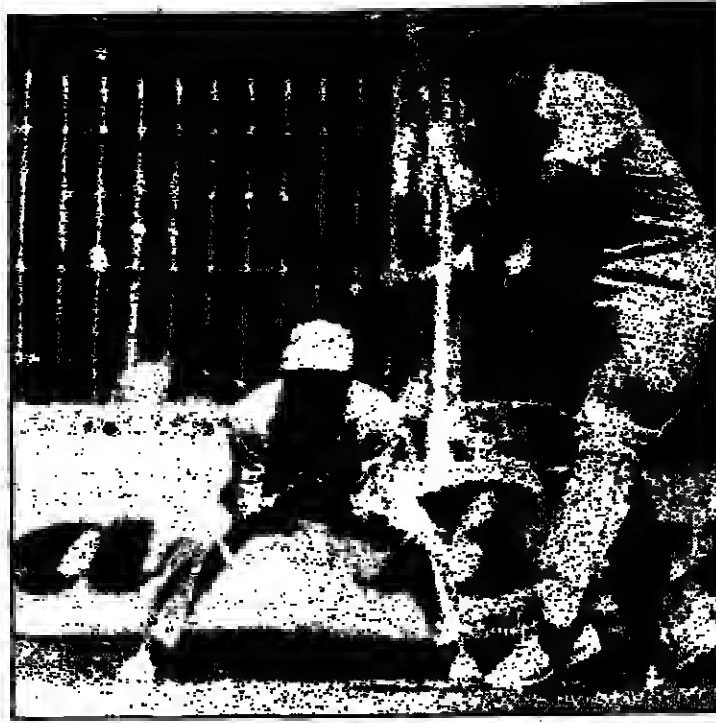
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"They have said nothing at all yet about any threat of the tour being cancelled," he said. "Our talks in the main have concerned the itinerary, practice matches and the like. I'm not suggesting there isn't a threat but if and when it's firmly up I've no doubt we shall bear about it very quickly."

Smith also said Gooch's resignation had not been considered as an option for saving the tour if the situation worsened.

Asked whether the trip could go ahead if India barred one or more players, he said: "I don't see how the tour could take place under those circumstances."

Chairman of selectors Peter May said: "Our brief was to pick the best side and, as far as we understand it when we met last night, there is no question of the tour not going ahead."



Australia's Michael Veletta hits a cover drive while Pakistan's Rizwan-uz-Zaman waits in the slips. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Patron's XI hold Australia to draw

LAHORE, Pakistan, Sept 7. (Reuters): The Australian cricketers drew the opening match of their tour of Pakistan today after a one stage coming close to victory over a Patron's XI on the final day of the three-day game.

They set the home side the tough target of 266 in 38 overs when Allan Border declared the second innings closed at 194 for six 45 minutes after lunch.

Gangling Western Australia left-arm pace bowler Bruce Reid set his side on the path to possible success by snapping up three wickets in the space of seven deliveries that put paid to the Patron's XI's hopes.

Declared

When the match ended in an agreed draw with nine overs left, the local side were 85 for five, Reid finishing with three for seven in four overs.

The Australians largely dominated the game, making 317 for three declared in the first innings and then bowling out the Patron's XI for 246.

Australia resumed their second innings at 57 for one and found the going tough against left-arm spinner Nadeem Gbauri who picked up four of the five wickets to fall and ended with four for 72 in 25 overs.

Left-hander Peter Taylor rescued the Australians, following his first innings bowling effort of three for 43 with an unbeaten 50 when Border declared.

Reid clean bowled Amir Sohail and Asif Mujtaba after achieving the initial breakthrough with the wicket of opener Rizwan-uz-Zaman who edged an outgoing delivery to Ian Healy behind the stumps in the second over of the innings.

Leg spinner Peter Sleep took

the wicket of the other opener Moin-ul-Aliq who fell for 22. The Patron's first innings hero Ejaz Ahmed again top scored with 32 before being run out by a smart throw from David Boon, fielding at mid-off.

The tourists travel on Thursday to Quetta, the provincial capital of Baluchistan near the Iranian border, to play their next match from Friday.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA 1st innings 317 for three declared

PATRON'S XI 1st innings 246

AUSTRALIA 2nd innings (over-

nights 57 for one)

M. Veletta c Rizwan-uz-Zaman b

Nadeem Chauri 44

S. Waugh lbw Moin-ul-Aliq 28

P. Sleep lbw Nadeem Chauri 25

I. Healy b Nadeem Chauri 5

P. Taylor not out 50

C. McDermott c Moin-ul-Aliq b

Nadeem Chauri 16

B. Reid not out 20

A. Border not out 15

Extras (lb-1) 1

Total (six wickets declared) 194

Wicketfall: 1-23 2-83 3-92 4-93 5-

135 6-164

Did not bat: D. Boon, G. Marsh, G.

Wood.

Bowling: Moin-ul-Aliq 10-27-1,

Hafiz Shahid 4-0-23-0, Nadeem

Chauri 25-6-72-4, Sajjad Akbar 16-2-

55-0, Asim Sohail 4-0-11-0, Asif

Mujtaba 1-0-5-0.

PATRON'S XI second innings

Rizwan-uz-Zaman c Healy b Reid 3

Moin-ul-Aliq c Marsh b Sleep 22

Amir Sohail b Reid 32

Asif Mujtaba b Reid 32

Ijaz Ahmed not out 3

Asraf Ali not out 21

Sajjad Akbar not out 1

Extras (nb-1) 1

Total (for five wickets) 85

Fall of wickets: 1-16 2-28 3-30 4-39

5-81

Bowling: McDermott 6-1-33-0,

Reid 4-1-7-3, Sleep 10-23-33-1, Waugh

5-4-0, Taylor 4-1-11-0.

Result: match drawn.

## W. Indies name team for tour of Australia

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Sept 7. (Reuters): West Indies have retained the squad who defeated England 4-0 this year for their cricket tour of Australia starting in October, with only opener Phil Simmons missing from the side.

Simmons needed an emergency operation after being hit on the head during a tour match in England.

Viv Richards will captain the 16-man team named yesterday and Gordon Greenidge will again serve as his vice-captain.

The tour begins with a day-night match against Western Australia on October 26.

Limited

The team, minus reserve wicket-keeper David Williams and pace bowler Ian Bishop, will play a limited overs competition with Australia and India in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, from October 16-22.

Team: Viv Richards (captain), Gordon Greenidge (vice-captain), Desmond Hanes, Richie Richardson, Gus Logie, Carl Hooper, Keith Arthurton, Jeff Dujon, David Williams, Malcolm Marshall, Roger Harper, Courtney Walsh, Curtly Ambrose, Patrick Patterson, Winston Benjamin, Ian Bishop.

## Monaco upset

REYKJAVIK, Sept 7. (Reuters): French soccer champions Monaco stumbled to an embarrassing 1-0 defeat yesterday at the hands of Iceland's Valur Reykjavik in their European Cup first-round first-leg match.

The result did not flatter the Icelanders, for whom midfielder Atli Edvaldsson struck the decisive blow in the 53th minute.



SEoul, Sept 7. (Reuters): Boris Becker looks strong, but inside he's weak like a rotten tree. Stefan Edberg, his great rival for the men's singles tennis gold medal at the Seoul Olympics, is rising like a sea dragon after a period of reflection.

Park Kyong-Nan, one of Korea's legions of traditional fortune tellers, uttered her predictions for some of the top athletes on the eve of the Games.

Mumbling Blind from the age of three, Park operates in a tiny room in her home in Seoul's northeastern Miar district.

Given only the name and date of birth of the subjects, the 42-year-old soothsayer, sitting cross-legged on a cushion swaying and mumbling, threw cold water on Becker's hopes.

"He looks strong, but inside he's weak, like a rotten tree. He's moving into darkness, out of the light. He could suffer injuries, scars on his body. Everything is against him at this time," she said.

Of Edberg, who beat Becker in the Wimbledon final in July, she said: "He will win fame. He looks like a sea dragon rising from the water after a period of meditation."

American sprinter Carl Lewis, seeking a repeat of his stunning four-gold-medal performance at the 1984 Los Angeles Games and his great Canadian rival Ben Johnson are both under lucky stars, Park said.

"They are like dragons reviving themselves by drinking from water. They rule others, they will not be ruled by others," she said, but added a word of caution for Lewis.

"He should not come to Seoul

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Cricket tourney

THE Quaid-e-Millat cricket tournament is scheduled to start from Oct 7. Draws will be held tomorrow at the Pak Sarhad hotel in New Kheirabad at 8:00 pm. For further information contact Nasim, Tel. 4815077 ext. 513.

## Chris Cowdrey

LONDON, Sept 7. (Reuters): Kent cricket captain Chris Cowdrey has been cautioned by his club following a newspaper interview last week when he said that he had withdrawn his availability for the Indian tour complaining of "stubby treatment."

## European Cup

EAST BERLIN, Sept 6. (Reuters): East Germany's Dynamo Berlin surprised West Germany's Bremen, and probably themselves, by emphatically beating the West German soccer champions 3-0 in a European Cup first-round first-leg yesterday.

## Williams team

LONDON, Sept 7. (Reuters): Briton Martin Brundle has turned down the chance to replace compatriot Nigel Mansell in the Williams team for Sunday's Italian Grand Prix motor race at Monza.

## Renovation work

ROME, Sept 7. (AP): Magistrates yesterday ordered the suspension of renovation work at Rome's Olympic stadium, one of the venues for the 1990 World Cup soccer tournament, saying it did not meet safety requirements.

## Discus team

EAST BERLIN, Sept 7. (Reuters): World champion Martina Hellmann clinched the third place in the East German women's Olympic discus team after a contest against junior world champion like Wladimir behind closed doors, a sports daily said today.

## English cricket

LONDON, Sept 7. (Reuters): Worcestershire and Lancashire moved into the final of the Refugee Assurance League Cup with victories over Middlesex and Gloucestershire today.

## US Open

NEW YORK, Sept 7. (Reuters): Tennis matches today at the US Open championships in the National Tennis Center-Stefi Graf (West Germany) defeated Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina) 6-3, 6-4.

RESULTS of Shcherbakov, Olga game held on Tuesday

N/S

1. Mrs R. Camacini & Sabatini

2. Adly Taha & M. Masari

3. G. Taha & M. Masari

E/W

1. Mrs Sapp & Jutta Ali

2. Abdelhak & M. Adnan

3. D. Pereira & Ravi B.

## Al Mousawi to start first in 4x4 rally

By Gail Seery in Bahrain

VETERAN Qatari driver Abbas Al Mousawi will be first to leave the ramp for today's 4x4 Bahrain rally.

Mousawi won the event last year, forcing Kuwait's Tareq Al Wazzan and co-driver Khaled Khalifa back into second place, by a margin of only 30 seconds. This year Mousawi is driving a fully works prepared Mitsubishi Pajero — a rather more powerful version of the car driven by Ahmed Al Hilal and Ibrahim Mattar in last year's jeep series.

Embarrassed

Clearly Mitsubishi, who have built an impressive rally reputation over the years, were somewhat embarrassed at finding themselves beaten by standard cars in last year's series and decided to go all-out for an outright win here.

However, last night it was reported that the rally car, a turbo-charged jeep with a maximum speed of 195 kph, was suffering a series of electrical problems which seemed to be caused by the heat. Should these difficulties not be solved before the start of the event, then a win for Mousawi is in doubt.

Not that he was ever expected to have things his own way in any



Al Wazzan in action in an earlier rally.

case. Although Mousawi clocked a win here last time, it was most certainly as a result of fuel pump problems encountered by Tareq Al Wazzan which cost the Arab Times driver a full three minutes — three minutes which Al Wazzan effectively clawed back all but the last thirty seconds during the one-day rally.

Wazzan is second from the ramp, and looks primarily towards Mousawi. "I like Abbas," said the Arab Times driver. "But I'm here to beat him if I can." He is certain that he will be the first to benefit should Mousawi's problems continue.

Another Kuwaiti driver aim-

ing for a win is Al Yawani, sponsored Eid Falah. Eid Falah is unique in Kuwait in having full sponsorship, and his Range Rover has been completely overhauled by the Yawani mechanics in preparation for the event. Al Yawani has made an impressive and thorough commitment to the sport, and they will also be servicing Tareq Al Wazzan's Range Rover during the two-day rally.

Onlookers expect a battle between Mousawi, Al Wazzan and Falah, but Sultan Al Sowaidi can not be discounted.

A total of twenty drivers will start the rally at 3.30 pm. Several

entrants have dropped out, including some Kuwaiti entrants and Middle East champion Mohammed Bin Sulayman, who will now officiate as a steward of the event.

There are only two special stages today comprising a total of 11 km, and some 50 km of road sections.

The cars will return to the hotel at 7.30 pm, and set out again at 8 am for a somewhat more arduous day of competition. 16 further stages will be driven tomorrow.

The stages are rough and dusty, and drivers confidently expect some close competition.

Top 10 entries:

1. Abbas Al Mousawi, Qatar, Pajero.

2. Tareq Al Wazzan, Kuwait, Range Rover.

3. Eid Falah, Kuwait, Range Rover.

4. Sultan Al Sowaidi, Qatar, Range Rover.

5. Ibrahim Mattar, Bahrain, Pajero.

6. Muharak Al Hajri, Qatar, Pajero.

7. Mamdouh Khayat, Saudi, Range Rover.

8. Khalil Ramadan, Bahrain, Suzuki.

9. Nader Engineer, Bahrain, Suzuki.

10. Ahmed Fardan, Bahrain, Range Rover.

## Indian hockey team set off for Seoul

NEW DELHI, Sept 7. (Reuters): The Indian hockey team, famed for their amazing stickwork which has won eight Olympic gold medals, set off for Seoul today saying they had only modest hopes of a ninth on artificial turf.

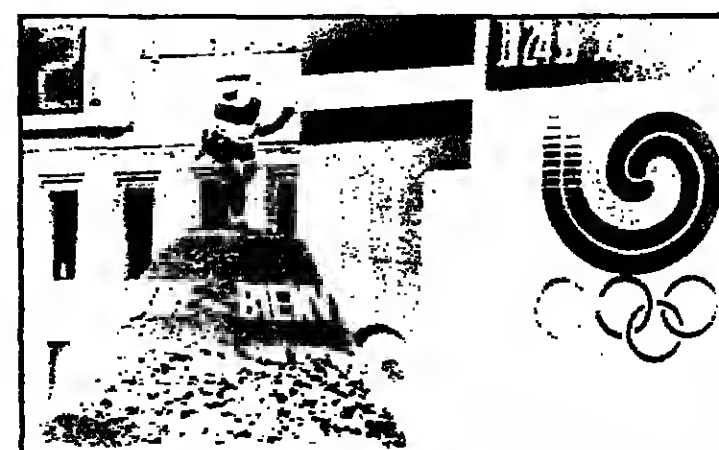
Team manager Jhaman Lal Sharma, himself a former national player, said he hoped India would make it to the semifinals in the Seoul Games, which open on September 17.

"We have a young and energetic side and with some luck we should be able to make our presence felt, although our half (of the draw) is very rough," he said.

Ironed Sharma said his team were very fit and eager to have a go at the opposition. "We have ironed out many of the deficiencies and we are confident of proving that we are not yet a spent force."

India in recent years have felt the heat from tough European teams that train on artificial surfaces, much faster than the grass to which South Asian teams are accustomed.

The country's second great hope may be dashed by injury. Piltavallakandi Thekaram-halli Usha, universally known as P.T. Usha, is nursing an injured heel. She came fourth in the



Hodori, the tiger mascot of the Games, welcomes all visitors atop a pyramid in City Hall plaza in downtown Seoul.

women's 400 metres hurdles at the boycott-hit 1984 Los Angeles games in the absence of the powerful Eastern bloc athletes.

Her timings in recent runs have failed even to make the minimum qualifying grade, and the team trials first scheduled for September 3 have been postponed in the hope that she recovers.

"I am better, but not 100 per cent fit," said Usha, whose poor performance also threatens to cripple India's women's relay team.

Meanwhile in Seoul, a vast

white sheet emblazoned with the five Olympic rings hung from the roof of the main Games stadium today above columns of mini-skirted Korean girls marching behind national name-boards.

With the start of the Games just 10 days away, the stadium, with its soaring elliptical roof, is the centre of the action, hung with flags and echoing to dramatic sound effects during rehearsals for the opening ceremony.

Although some of the practice marching was erratic and the smell of paint still hangs around

the many stadiums close to the Han river, preparations for the opening are approaching a climax.

More than 3,000 of the 13,000 athletes due to take part have checked into the Olympic village, a huddle of concrete blocks behind high fences patrolled by Korean soldiers with automatic rifles.

Away from the village, practice facilities are in constant use by competitors from the 62 countries that have already arrived.

Although confirmation is still outstanding from 17 nations, organisers are confident the record total of 161 countries will be reached. "We are still receiving official entries. They will all come," a spokesman said.

Almost all will stay in the spartan conditions of the athletes' village where each small apartment and its army-loaned furniture serves three athletes.

Superstars like West German tennis ace Boris Becker and Steffi Graf, more accustomed to luxury hotel suites or rented villas, will be among those staying.

A privileged few, including US sprint stars Carl Lewis, who won four golds at the 1984 Games, and Florence Griffith-Joyner are likely to be housed elsewhere, officials said.

Some track and field competitors, including members of the US and British teams, will be staying in a training camp in Japan and flying to Seoul shortly before their events.

As well as the tight security